The Weather
Today—Mostly cloudy and warmer with rain most of day; colder at night. Yesterday—High, 37; low, 30.
Fuel-oil consumption to date, 37 per cent of yearly allotment.

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Nazis Will Never Give Up, Hitler Says

More Than 45 Killed, Scores Hurt in Utah Train Wreck

Patton Unleashes Full-Scale Offensive

Yanks Lunge At Neck of Nazi Bulge In Belgium

First Army Retakes Rochefort; 3000 Planes Blast Foe's Troop, Supply Lines

Paris, Dec. 31 (AP).—Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army struck Saturday with a full-scale offensive northeast of Bastogne, aiming at the 12-to-14-mile-wide neck of the German bulge in Belgium in an apparent attempt to split Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's three armies.

A censor-delayed dispatch from Associated Press Correspondent Edward D. Ball said tonight the hard-charging American tank general had wrested the initiative from the wily German marshal 14 days after the German waves rolled out of the Reich and stalled the Allied winter offensive.

The big push was launched after Patton's veterans had smashed the bold bid by three of Von Rundstedt's divisions to sever the Bastogne corridor.

Rochefort Recaptured

The U. S. First Army, hammering away to the west, recaptured Rochefort at the tip of the German wedge in Belgium 25 miles west of Bastogne.

Today Von Rundstedt's supply lines were under heavy assault from more than 3000 Allied planes while swarming British and American fighter-bombers ripped at the heart of his Belgian and Luxembourg positions ahead of the charging Third Army.

An Associated Press correspondent with American forces in Belgium said it was estimated that the neck of the German salient above Bastogne had been squeezed to 12 or 14 miles by a noose-like squeeze from north and south.

Field dispatches said some quarters believed the Nazi commander, defeated in his attempt at a quick breakthrough to the Meuse or Liege, would be forced to withdraw and try an attack elsewhere.

Thrown Back on Defense

The enemy was thrown back on the defense all along the Bulge, reports up to Saturday morning disclosed, but the rising tempo of enemy feeler thrusts from Holland to Alsace suggested the Germans may strike elsewhere to take advantage of the diversion of Allied forces.

The German communique declared that half of all the forces on the Western Front now were engaged in the winter battle between the Maas and the Moselle and said the focal points of fighting were aroung Bastogne and Rochefort.

Rochefort, greaveyard of German hopes for a breakthrough to the Meuse, fell at mid-day Saturday after sanguinary fighting in which both sides poured artillery and mortar fire into each other's battle lines. The Germans suddenly pulled out of the town under American pressure.

Turned back three miles from the Meuse, the Germans had fallen back 12 miles east to this once-famous Belgian health resort and dug in.

Nazis Lose 57 Tanks

The three-division German attack on the Bastogne corridor, which has been driven into the heart of their salient from the south, cost the Germans 57 tanks, 25 of them knocked out by Doughboys who held firm as the Germans hammered at them from both the east and west.

Through the fifth day without a German gain, the Americans kept up the blows Saturday which now have brought them up against the dug-in enemy defense line at points where a week ago Von Rundstedt's divisions were rampaging through Belgium and Luxembourg.

As the battle shaped up into slugging match, the Germans stabbed speculatively across the Roer River north of Aachen and into the United States Seventh Army lines in the northeast corner of France.

It was no secret hereth: some new German attack in relative force is likely any place from
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First of Utah Wreck

AERIAL VIEW—Photograph from an airplane showing wreckage of the Southern Pacific train near Ogden, Utah, which was telescoped by another train yesterday. About 45 are reported killed

Associated Press WIREPHOTO

45 Feared Dead, Scores Hurt in Utah Wreck

Many Servicemen Among Victims of Preholiday Tragedy

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 31 (AP).—About 45 persons were killed and approximately the same number injured when the second section of Westbound Southern Pacific Limited No. 21 crashed into the rear of the first section 17 miles west of here at 5:40 a. m. today.

Carl Olsen, the line's general agent here, said 29 bodies had been counted and others were trapped in the wreckage, where crews worked with torches to cut them loose. Seven bodies were near one window.

Some of the victims were wounded veterans returning from overseas.

The first relief train arrived here at 1 p. m., Mountain War Time, with 15 bodies. Only one was a civilian.

Olsen said seven were Navy personnel, six Army and one a Marine.

Capt. Arthur E. Smith, public relations officer at ne. y Hill Field who flew in an Army plane with 300 feet of the wreck, said the engine of the second section was almost completely inside the first train's rear passenger car.

At least three cars were tele-
See WRECK, Page 2, Column 7.

Engineer May Have Had Heart Attack

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 31 (INS).—Belief that an engineer possibly died of a heart attack a few short seconds before his fast mail and express train ploughed into a jammed passenger train was expressed tonight by investigators.

The engineer, James McDonald of Ogden, was found dead in his locomotive cab after the crash.

Investigators said a brakeman from the passenger train placed flares on the track after the Pacific Limited came to a halt. According to McDonald's fireman, M. E. Hardman, the engineer seemed to wave his hands in acknowledgment of the flares but did nothing to stop the train even after it passed over and exploded torpedo warnings on the track.

The brakeman was killed; it is thought one of the cars turned over on him.

Greek Regency Is Taken Over By Damaskinos

Papandreou Cabinet Resigns to Make Way For Incoming Regime

BULLETIN

Athens, Dec. 31 (U.P.).—Archbishop Damaskinos was sworn in at noon today as Regent of Greece.

Athens, Dec. 30 (Delayed) (AP).—Premier George Papandreou and the entire Greek cabinet resigned tonight in preparation for the formation of a new government under the newly appointed regent, Archbishop Damaskinos, which will undertake to reslove the civil strife.

Damaskinos, named regent today by George II in a proclamation from London, announced that he would take the oath of office tomorrow (Sunday).

(A long delay in dispatches from Greece was caused when warring left-wing ELAS cut the cables and knocked out the Pelini transmitter 15 miles outside Athens. Press dispatches were relayed through the British War Office in London.)

Although a settlement of the Greek internal conflich appeared in sight as a result of these political moves developing from the visit of Prime Minister Churchill to Athens last week, fighting continued in Athens and the Port of Piraeus.

This was despite the fact that the ELAS were reported to have accepted "in principle" the peace terms of British commander, Lieut. Gen. R. M. Scobie.

(A note to the ELAS by General Scobie, made public by the British Foreign Office in London Sunday, said the ELAS had accepted the "basic points" of General Scobie's memorandum of December 12 and December 18 but demanded
See GREEK, Page 2, Column 1.

War Combat Dead of D. C. Totals 602

Toll of District of Columbia men killed or mortally wounded in overseas combat reached 602 yesterday as another year of war ended.

The figure is in sharp contrast to the District's losses due to enemy action in World War I, when 146 men were killed. Today's total includes 440 Army men, 98 naval personnel, 59 Marines and 5 Coast Guardsmen.

The most recent casualties reported here included 4 dead, 1 missing and 15 wounded. With one exception, all are Army men.

Dead:

Lieut. (j.g.) James Augustine Murphy, jr., USN, 23, whose wife, Mrs. Anne Lincoln Murphy, lives at 3348 Prospect ave. nw.

Sergt. Joseph L. Pope, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Pope of Berryville, Va.

Pfc. George Romine Tindall, 22, son of Mrs. J. Wallace Tindall, 1900 F st. nw.

Pvt. Raymond Williams, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams, 4013 South Dakota ave. ne.

Missing:

Pfc. Max G. Helfman, 19, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Helfman, live at 5766 Georgia ave. nw.

WOUNDED:

Capt. Albert L. Morgan, jr., 23, whose wife and son, Joseph Albert, 15 months, live at 8130 Wisconsin ave., Bethesda.

First Lieut. Marvin Joseph Lambert, 21, husband of Mrs. Jean Lambert, 8336 Draper lane, Silver Spring, Md.

Staff Sergt. Robert L. Wilson, 34, whose sister, Mrs. Eloise Phipps, lives at 4429 Iowa ave. nw.

Staff Sergt. Louis R. Becker, 35, husband of Mrs. Della Becker, 1751 Lanier pl. nw.

Corp. William I. Tavel, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ewing H. Tavel, sr., 1410 Newton st. ne.

Technician Fifth Grade Melvin P. Sullivan, 21, son of Pierce Sullivan, 414 2d st. nw.

Pfc. Leroy Robertson, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Robertson, 4440 N. Glebe rd., Arlington.

Pfc. Richard F. Faulkner, 21, son of Mrs. Louise L. Lindner, 712 8th st. ne.

Pfc. Willard L. Sherman, whose father, Roy E. Sherman, lives at 5095 61st ave., Capitol Heights, Md.

Pvt. John L. "Dutch" Pyles, 28, whose wife, Alene, and daughter, Joan Marie, 6, live at 4830 Barnaba st., Temple Hills, Md.

Pvt. Franklin H. Carlisle, 29, of 1829 M st. nw., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carlisle.

Pvt. Harold Yanof, 32, whose wife Edith, lives at 1435 Tuckerman st. nw.

Pvt. William D. Blinkhorn, 20, nephew of Mrs. Lillian C. Bussink, 1116 Oates st. ne.

Pvt. Norbert Kraft, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lui Kraft, 4474 Reservoir rd. nw.

Pvt. Camnish Cusato, son of Mrs. Christine Cusato, 248 1st st. nw.

B-29s Shatter Jap Homeland New Year Calm

Honshu, Other Areas On Long Alert; Fires Started in Nagoya

By the Associated Press

The first New Year's sleep of tens of millions of Japanese was interrupted by the drone of high-flying United States Superfortresses.

Tokyo raid warnings, intercepted by the Federal Communications Commission Sunday (U. S. time) kept a wide belt across heavily populated Honshu, main Japanese home island, on the alert intermittently from 9:50 p. m., Sunday (Japanese time) to dawn, New Year's Day.

Incendiary bombs started two fires in Nagoya, said Radio Tokyo. The more dangerous, it said, "was put under control before it developed into a large conflagration."

Lone Plane First Reported

The air raid warnings aroused sleepers and firefighters in densely populated Tokyo; nearby industrial Yokohama; the busy Tokyo naval station at Yokosuka, and both the east and west coasts of Honshu.

As the old year drew to a close, Radio Tokyo alerted first the west region on Honshu Island, warning: "A lone plane is coming from the west to the Tokyo-Yokohama region."

This was followed by the alarm: "Several planes are arriving from the southeast" heading for Tokyo.

In all, the radio reported through the night the course of four Superfortresses—two over the Tokyo area, one over Nagoya and one over "central Japan."

In a German-language broadcast beamed to Europe, Tokyo said that the two Superforts flying over Tokyo dropped incendiary bombs "over the capital of Japan and environs" before dawn, but made no mention of results.

Direct Hit Claimed

This broadcast said that a Japanese interceptor plane had "scored a direct hit" on one of the raiders.

There was no Allied confirmation of any of the enemy broadcasts.

To cope with future B29 raids, the Japanese government specifically ordered managers of "concrete and steel buildings not to refuse the utilization of the buildings" as emergency air raid shelters, according to a domestic radio broadcast intercepted by FCC.

In addition, air defense authorities have drawn up new "regulations for air defense and lookout personnel" on "conditions of falling bombs and how to judge the direction of approaching enemy planes and their altitude," the broadcast said.

The service regulations, added the broadcast, were "an attempt to correct the direction of the air defense."

Japs Claim 10 More U. S. Ships Sunk

Cruiser, 5 Transports Heavily Damaged, Say Unconfirmed Reports by Enemy

New York, Dec. 31 (INS).—Japanese impreial headquarters claimed without confirmation today that three additional cruisers and 13 more transports had been either sunk or damaged in continued air attacks against American convoy "carrying reinforcements and supplies for Mindoro Island." The claims were contained in Domei dispatches recorded byl the FCC.

Eight transports and two cruisers were claimed "sunk," while five transports and a cruiser were listed as "heavily damaged" in two communiques issued by the Japanese high command.

The latest claims were said by Domei to raise to 33 the total of "enemy warships and transports" allegedly sunk or damaged since the Japanese first reported the convoy under attack "in the Mindanao Sea" on Thursday (Japanese time).

Details of Claimed Losses

These it listed as two cruisers, 18 transports and one motor torpedo boat claimed sunk and two cruisers, nine transports and one destroyer claimed "heavily damaged."

"At present," Domei claimed in another English-language dispatch for American consumption, "only 14 battered warcraft and transports are observed in the Mindoro sector" out of the "30 transports, escorted by 20-odd cruisers and destroyers" reported by an imperial headquarters communique on Friday to have formed the original convoy.

Yesterday the Tokyo radio, however, declared that only "eight or ten transports" had remained when the convoy reached the Mindoro coast on December 29.

14 Jap Planes Downed

MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Monday, Jan. 1. (AP).—Fourteen of 32 attacking Japanese planes were shot down over Mindoro Island Saturday (Philippine time) Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said today.

In the 24 hours ended December 29, the communique added, 1191 more Japanese were killed on Leyte Island, where mopping up of scattered enemy units continues. This brought the total Nipponese looses for the campaign on that island to 117, 997.

The communique reported that a Liberator bomber sank a medium cargo vessel in Lingayen Gulf, north of Manila. Mitchell bombers blasted northeast Luzon Island instalations.

Youth Hangs Self Over Clothes Grief

New York, Dec. 31 (U.P.).—Joseph Chindemi, jr., 13, hanged himself with his trouser belt today after his mother told him he couldn't wear his new suit until New Year's Day.

Goebbels Hints Desire to End Senseless War

London, Dec. 31 (U.P.).—German Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels, in a grim radio statement to the German people, said that Germany was fighting on but by implication invited the Allies to call off the war.

"We have no idea what sense our enemies today see in this war," Goebbels said in his speech as recorded here. "We see in it an embodiment of a bad universal principle."

The end of the war year 1944 finds "the western European" world in a tragic situation, Goebbels said. The year had brought the general crisis of Europe and the world to a new climax, he added.

"In this war we are fulfilling our great German mission, with which we shall stand or fall," Goebbels continued.

"The German people has shown that it's showing firm confidence in its fate. The German people in the past bad year was a stable element. This knowledge of our
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Reds Capture 300 Blocks of West Budapest

Enemy Remnants In Danube River Loop Are Crushed

London, Dec. 31 (AP).—Russian troops, amid scenes of slaughter unequaled since Stalingrad, today captured 300 blocks in Buda, the western half of Budapest, smashing the enemy's main fortification line and occupying nearly two-thirds of that section of the battle-torn Hungarian capital.

Simultaneously other Russian troops to the north crushed the last enemy remnants trapped in the Danube Loop and swept the last Germans out of northeastern Hungary into Slovakia on a 200-mile front between the mouth of the Ipoly River and the frontier town of Satoraljaujhely.

Moscow said that a total of 5390 Germans and Hungarians were captured in eliminating the pocket in the Danube Loop along with great quantities of equipment. The number of enemy slain was not given.

Drive Almost to Losong

The Russians also plunged to within six miles southeast of the Slovak rail junction of Losong (Lucenec), 55 miles northeast of Budapest, with the capture of Bozita, and penetrated farther into central Slovakia southwest of Losonc.

While the great struggle raged inside Budapest, a Berlin report said that other Soviet units had made a new crossing of the Hron River at two points west of Leva (Levice), in Hungarian-annexed Slovakia, 55 miles northwest of Budapest. In this sector, the Russians were only 64 miles from Bratislava, Slovak capital, and 93 east of Vienna.

German military commentators also told of Russian preparations
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Will Destroy All Shirking War Efforts, He Warns

Breaking 5-Month Silence, Fuehrer Predicts Conflict Will Last to 1946

London (Monday), Jan. 1 (AP).—Adolf Hitler told the German people in a radio address early today that "the end of the war will not come before 1946 unless by a German victory, because Germany will never capitulate."

Breaking a silence of more than five months, the German Fuehrer declared, "Our people are resolute to fight the war to victory under any and all circumstances."

Hitler in a 30-minute speech threatened dissenters within his besieged and invaded country, asserting:

"We are going to destroy everybody who does not take part in the common effort for the country or who makes himself a tool of the enemy."

"Heaviest Tribulations"

He admitted, however, that 1944 had been "the year of heaviest tribulations in this gigantic struggle."

Hitler, who last spoke publicly in a radio address immediately after the unsuccessful July 20 bombing attempt on his life, declared, "a people has to defend its dignity with its last drop of blood."

The German leader's speech, just after midnight, was preceded by a quarter-hour of march music.

Hitler said he was issuing a New Year appeal to the German people, asserting, "only the change of the year prompted me to speak. The time demanded more from me than speeches. The months after July 20 demanded from me a dedication of myself to a single task—the fate of my people."

"Bend Fate to Our Will"

Speaking in serious tone, Hitler said, "our enemies have prophesied our collapse every year.

"Never did our enemies think their victory so near as in August last year.

"Again, as often, we contrived to bend fate to our will."

"Our enemies are setting up ever new commissions for regulating life in Europe after our defeat," he remarked.

Then, challengingly:

"But our enemies do not know the German people."

Hitler, still speaking in a restrained voice, belabored democracies and the Jews.

"Public opinion in the democratic countries is directed by the Jews," he said. "Our enemies are purposely misinforming public
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Pope Says Nazis Planned to Bomb St. Peter's Yule Eve

Vatican City, Dec. 31 (INS).—Pope Pius XII, receiving the Swiss Papal Guards today, told them that the Nazis had threatened to bomb St. Peter's Cathedral on Christmas Eve because the Pontiff intended to celebrate midnight mass there for thousands of United Nations soldiers.

Pope Pius disregarded all threats and celebrated the mass before an enormous throng.

The Pope countered Nazi allegations that he was granting audiences to too many Allied soldiers.

"We received first the Italians and then those in whose country we worked and lived so many years (Germany) as long as it was possible to do so," he said. "Now we are receiving representatives of all Allied Nations, Catholics and non-Catholics, and we intend to continue."

Backdraft Blows Flame

Five Firemen Injured Fighting Blaze as 8 Waves Flee Safely

A two-alarm blaze in a frame dwelling at 3207 Highland pl. nw., early yesterday resulted in injury to five firemen, while eight Waves living in the house fled safely to the street.

The fire started on the untenanted third floor and spread rapidly to the second floor and the roof.

Injured when a backdraft drew flames toward them were: Pvt. Allan Galpin, 32, No. 28 Engine Company, who received first degree burns on face and hands; Sergt. Charles A. Lempke, 48, No. 28 Engine Company, with similar injuries; and Pvt. Earl Williams, 24, No. 20 Engine Company, who received several fractured ribs, all were admitted to Emergency Hospital.

Treated and released were Lieut. Mangus Thompson, 40, of No. 28 Engine Company, who suffered burns on the hands, and Pvt. William Moore, 32, of Rescue Squad No. 1, who received a knee injury.

The fire, cause of which was undetermined, was discovered by one of the Waves about 7 a. m. Firemen said the attic was gutted and considerable damage was caused by water and falling plaster on the second floor.

Another fire was tentatively blamed for a deat yesterday when William A. Montgomery, 35, was found yesterday morning near his bed in a smoke-filled room at 2327 Pennsylvania ave. nw. by Caroline Pillar, who dragged him from the room.

Taken to Emergency Hospital, he was pronounced dead on arrival. Police said his mattress, to which the fire was confined, had been started by a cigarette.

Peoples' Congress Promised

Chiang Pledges Improved Rule For China in Immediate Future

Chungking, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in a momentous New Year's message to the Chinese people, today promised them a constitutional government before the end of the war instead of within one year after the end of hostilities.

"We must prepare for the convening of a Peoples' Congress within this year (1945) to adopt and promulgate a constitution," the Chinese leader said, adding:

"I am ready immediately to propose to the central executive committee of the Kuomintang that as soon as the military situation has become so stabilized as to enable to launch a counteroffensive with greater assurance of victory, we should convene a Peoples' Congress to adopt a constitution which would enable the Kuomintang to transfer the power of government to the people."

"Therefore," the Generalissimo added. "We must in this year, 1945, employ our entire strength to beat back the enemy and also to introduce a constitutional government with the entire nation solidly bound together."

Expressing "deepest regrets" that this had not been possible earlier, Chiang said, "I feel a revolutionist should lay emphasis on working, not on talk. Therefore, I do not usually vainly talk much about democracy. But I have not for one single day forgotten the need for a realization of constitutional democracy."

He declared that first the Mukden incident in 1931, and then the
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War Sidelights

Yugoslavia May Also Get A Regency

London, Dec. 31 (U.P.).—King Peter II of Yugoslavia probably will follow the lead of King George II of Greece, within a few days and consent to regency rule in his country until the people decide whether they want him back in Belgrade, informed diplomatic sources said today.

King Peter was expected to sign a decree establishing a three-man regency council several days ago. He was said, however, to have been delaying until he saw the outcome of the regency crisis in Greece.

Now that the British government has supported a regency in Greece, it is believed he will agre to a similar plan.

Nazis Seize Steel Man

Stockholm, Dec. 31 (AP).—German secret police recently arrested Baron von Wilmowsky, a representative of the Krugg Steel Works, on charges of organizing anti-Nazi party cells, a traveler from Germany said today. He said von Wilmowsky and several others were seized because their group was regarded as a center of defeatism.

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formal assurances on two specific points.

("If the Central Committee of EAM-ELAS will confirm their acceptance of these two conditions and will send an officer or officers with full power to this headquarters arrangements can be made forthwith for the execution of these conditions and the cessation of hostilities," the note added.

(The conditions previously laid down by Scobie were that the ELAS, armed militia of the left wing EAMpolitical movement, obey his orders and evacuate Attica, and that the ELAS in Athens and Piraeus surrender their arms and cease resistance.

("There is nothing to justify continuance of the fight inasmuch as the lefrt had accepted the basic points of General Scobie's memoranda," the note said, but, it continued, "it had not been made clear by the ELAS Central Committee, either in previous correspondence with General Scobie or at recent conferences, that the ELAS had accepted the two conditions which the general had made public in his memoranda of December 12 and December 18.")

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for a big winter offensive. They said the Red Army was massing men and material on the approaches to Krakow, southern Polish stronghold and gateway to German Silesia, and were probing German lines in east Prussia.

Both Suffer Staggering Losses

Soviet front dispatches disclosed that the Russians had overrun nearly two-thirds of Buda, and said that Soviet spearheads also had thrust as deep as three miles inside Pest, the part of the city on the east bank of the Danube.

Both sides were suffering staggering losses, Berlin said.

The Germans, making a suicidal stand to delay the Red Army's strides toward Vienna, were being worn down by Russian shock battalions which Berlin said outnumbered them five to one.

Fierce combat, often hand-to-hand, raged in the streets, squares and parks of the once beautiful city and also on Csepel Island as the Russians sent in waves of flame-throwing tanks against German street barricades and fortified buildings.

A Pravda war map published in Moscow disclosed that a 4½ mile stretch of riverside in southern Buda was in Russian hands, and that two-mile-deep Soviet penetrations had been made in western and northern Buda.

Clinging to Island's Tip

The enemy still clung, however, to a 2½-mile northern tip of Csepel Island in the Danube. This portion includes the industrial district of Csepel, a radio station, and many wharves.

The Germans said that Soviet attacks had slackened in western Latvia, where 30 Axis divisions are pinned against the Baltic, but commented "everything indicates that the Russian supreme command has not abandoned the idea of breaking this sector of the German front."

The Russians were moving up more guns and men west of Jelgava, Berlin said of this sector about which Moscow has remained silent.

Former Organist Here Made Aide To Air Chaplain

Sergt. Donald M. Gillett, son of Mrs. Amanda M. Holcombe of 3024 Tilden st. nw., who prior to his enlistment served frequently as assistant organist at All Souls' Unitarian Church here, now is serving as assistant to the Protestant chaplain at Midland Army Air Field in Texas.

He recently returned from the school for chaplains' assistants at San Antonio. He is a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School and attended the University of Maryland's College of Commerce.

West Front Lines, Other Reich Targets Pounded by Day

London, Dec. 31 (AP).—The RAF bombed Berlin tonight with the strongest force of Mosquito planes ever to strike the German, capital, following up heay British and American daylight air blows at the Reich and the German front lines in closing out history's greatest year of aerial warfare.

Big RAF Lancasters during the night also attacked the railway yards at Osterfeld in the Rhineland, near Duisburg.

During the day more than 3000 British and American heavy bombers and fighters were hurled against widespread German targets.

At least 52 Nazi planes were knocked down in dog fights that raged over western Germany. One fighter group alone destroyed 26 German planes.

American Flying Fortresses and British Halifaxes and Lancosters, with their escorts of Mustangs, Spitfires and Thunderbolts hit German oil refineries, communications and troops concentrations in support of the Allied ground armies.

Gestapo Headquarters Hit

Just before midday a squadron of RAF Mosquitos bombed Gestapo headquarters in Oslo, Norway, the air ministry announced. A Stockholm dispatch quoting reports from the Norwegian capital said a great many persons were killed.

RAF Spitfire bombers in another operation attacked V-2 installations in the center of a Dutch town diving through storms of flak to pinpoint the targets. They also attacked V-2 storage and maintenance sites in the same area.

With the latest operations the U. S. Eighth Air Force alone dropped 42,000 tons of bombs on enemy targets. Last year in December their bomb total was 11,000 tons.

The American raids were followed up during the afternoon by an RAF assault with some 1000 heavy bombers and escorting Mustangs and Spitfires on a railyard at Vohwinkel, almost due north of Solingen.

4000 Tons Dropped

The United States Eighth Air Force sent more than 1300 Flying Fortresses and Liberators escorted by upwards to 700 fighters, on the ninth consecutive day of operations, dropped more than 4000 tons of bombs on these targets:

Oil refineries at Hamburg, Harburg and Misburg near Hanover; U-boat yards at Hamburg; a Messerschmidt plane factory and airfileds at Wenzendorf, near Hamburg; two railway yards in the southwest Ruhr; six railway bridges over the Rhine, Moselle and other rivers opposite the battle area and four detraining points and communications centers handling traffic for German forces.

The heavy daylight attack by the American planes followed a powerful assault during the night by RAF Halifaxes on railroad marshaling yards at Cologne. Hanover also was attacked and in the early morning darkness Lancasters of the RAF bomber command blasted German troops and armor concentrated in and around a road junction at Houffalize 10 miles northeast of Bastogne in the Ardennes pocket.

GOEBBELS

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future gives us the strength to stick it out and overcome difficulties that sometimes seem insurmountable.

"We are standing at the conclusion of an old and the beginning of a new epoch . . . If the last year was unable to shatter us, what will?

"Events of the last year put the German people to the hardest tests, each of which would have been sufficient to crush other nations completely.

"In this tornado of ill uuck, the German myth arose like a miracle. The German people and the German command did not htink of capitulation."

Reviews German Defeats

Reviewing German defeats of 1944, he said:

"If the Reich ever proved it was eternal than that was the hour. . . . Deserted by their Allies, left quite alone, the German people in a few months stabilized a defensive front and were even able to launch an offensive thrust against the enemy front. . . .

"Where today are the ruins of (German) towns and villages one day imposing modern cities will arise. Beyond them will arise the vital will of a heroic nation that did not admit itself beaten and will go on battling until it is found worthy of victory.

"War is decided only in the last round. If London and Washington think we are no longer in the picture they will get a rude awakening. The German people will lay down their arms only when sure of victory and not a second before. We shall go on fighting till it becomes clear the German people cannot be beaten and therefore are destined for victory."

Goebbels exhorted the German people to victory at the end of a 29-minute speech, and said:

"The peace must be one of which we need not be ashamed."

Junior Club to Give Dinner Tomorrow

Manassas, Va., Dec. 31.—The Junior Woman's Club of Manassas, will sponsor its annual Progressive Dinner tomorrow evening at 7 p. m. The courses will be served at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hurst, the Manassas Grille and the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carl Kincheloe, respectively. Mrs. R. Jackson Ratcliffe is in charge of arrangements.

Our Hello to Mindoro

U. S. Navy Photo.

DEMONS OF DEATH—A rocket-firing ship let go this barrage of projectiles as American forces moved in to land on Mindoro in the intricate march toward Tokyo

Blanche Howlett Quits Government After 46 Years

Miss Blanche C. Howlett, who has been with the Tariff Commission longer than any other employe, has retired after 46 years of continuous Government service.

A statistical clerk, Miss Howlett was feted by her colleagues and presented with a purse.

She won recognition for her poetry, which she started writing some 20 years ago, when she was a $32.50-a-month Government clerk. Her poems have appeared in "American Women Poets," "Poetry House Anthology," and the "Biographical Dictionary of Contemporary Poets."

Miss Howlett was born in Washington and educated at Holy Cross and Visitation Convents. She lives at 2801 Adams Mill rd. nw.

Senator Byrd's Son May Get Silver Star

Winchester, Va., Dec. 31 (AP).—Sergt. Richard E. Byrd, youngest son of Senator and Mrs. Harry F. Byrd, who has been serving with an infantry outfit of General Patton's Third Army in France and Germany, has been recommended by his battalion commander for the Silver Star for gallantry in action, according to word reaching friends here.

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the Maas in Holland to the Rhine. Such assaults would be logical "holding attacks" to keep Allied forces tied down or to exploit aany shifts in strength whcih were made to meet the German offensive in Belgium.

Considerable German movement was noticed yestetrday along the Maas River.

One German feeler attack was in two-company strength at dawn Saturday against Tripsrath, two miles north of Gellenkirchen on the Cologne plain.

The enemy in an almost suicidal attack captured the village, but British Tommies rallied, drove the Germans out, then repelled a second counterblow. In the twin assaults two enemy companies were captured and more than 50 prisoners taken.

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outbreak of full-fledged war in July, 1937, had prevented the introduction of constitutional government.

He stated that the first emphasis in Chinese efforts in 1945 must be placed on military affairs "for redemption of past failures and for the speeding up of victory."

He urged the chinese people to war, and asked landowners and work harder and give more to the other wealthy families not to miss their last chance for national srevice.

Describing the year 1944 as a great trial and danger for the Chinese nation, Chiang said not since the battle of Hankow in 1938 had so much territory been lost, nor had the people suffered such hardship and misery as during the past eight months.

"The enemy knows full well he cannot escape final doom," the Chinese leader said. "His only hope is to prevent China from acheleving a clear-cut victory, thereby making the triumph of the United Nations incomplete and indecisive and winning for himself a chance to resume aggressive warfare.

"But today we are still secure on our own feet," he said "and the entire nation remains solidly behind the policy of fighting to the end. The foundation of our war effort has in no way been shaken."

Asserting that the enemy would continue the struggle in 1945, Chiang told his people "we should be prepared for even more violent attacks. We should strengthen our forces, realize the initiative and fight back in coordination with our allies."

General's Son Couldn't Keep His Secret

When Second Lieut. Stuart C. Davidson arrived home Christmas night to visit his mother, Mrs. Howard C. Davidson of 3238 R st. nw., he told her his secret had been discovered.

DAVIDSON

The 22-year-old Army Air Corps officer had just received his commission two days earlier at Foster Field, Tex., and was home on a 10-day leave.

When he entered the Army he listed his father's occupation as a "Government employe." Subsequent questionnaires he filled out listed the parent as a "soldier" or by other vague titles.

As he neared completion of his training as an air cadet, however, the questionnaires became more exacting and before he received his commission he was asked his father's specific occupation. Reluctantly, Davidson answered the query:

"Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson, commanding general of the Tenth Air Force in the China-Burma-India theater of operations."

"I didn't want to mention who dad was," the lieutenant explained, "because I was afraid somebody might resent it."

An alumnus of Harvard University, Davidson returns to Foster Field next week for assignment. Frankly, he says, he hopes it isn't the Tenth Air Force.

FCC Approves 'Homeward-Bound' Fixed-Text Wires

The Federal Communications Commission has approved a "Homeward Bound" fixed-text telegraph service which will be offered beginning today by Western Union to military personnel returning from overseas, it was announced yesterday by A. K. Mitchell, Washington superintendent for the company.

Typical of the 15 messages, which may be sent from debarkation, reception and separation centers to anywhere in the United States for 25 cents, is one which reads: "Leaving here soon. Home for good. Get my civilian clothes ready. Love."

The "Homeward Bound" messages will provide the first domestic fixed-text service since the discontinuance of this type of telegram in 1942, Mitchell stated.

U. S. Officers Negotiate With Swiss for Purchase

Barn, Dec. 31 (AP).—A group of United States Army officers has visited Switzerland recently to negotiate the purchase of watches, typewriters and other Swiss manufactures for the forces in France, it is learned on good authority.

A first delegation arrived about December 10, presumably from Supreme Allied Headquarters. At least one officer still is here continuing negotiations with Swiss industrialists and the Swiss government. A high Swiss official said as many as 50 have visited Switzerland.

Maryland U. Ends Army Specialist Work

The Army specialist training program ended yesterday at the University of Maryland with the transfer from the campus of the last 150 students.

At the program's height about a year ago, more than 1100 specialist students were in training

Yanks Wrest Barga From Nazis Again

Rome, Dec. 31 (AP).—Fifth Army troops have reoccupied Barga, captured by the Nazis in their abortive push down the Searchio Valley near the Italian west coast, Allied headquarters announced today.

The Fermans knocked American troops from Barga, 19 miles inland, last week. Headquarters did not mention any fighting in reoccupation of the town, and the Germans may have withdrawn without a battle.

Substantial enemy troop movements had been reported earlier along the coastal area, but head them today. Snow was falling in the Apennines, limiting visibility.

The German high command communique declared an Allied attempt to land with small forces below Massa, at the coast 17 miles west of Barga, had been repulsed with many Allied casualties. There was no Allied confirmation.)

At the other end of the Fifth Army front, Lieut. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott's British troops sent patrols across the upper stretches of the Senio River near Rivola, seven miles below Imola on the highway to Bologna. The crossing drew heavy German fire and later attempts to send other units over were unsuccessful.

Weather curtailed air activity, but Allied planes pounded enemy rearline communications. A Brazilian Thunderbolt squadron participated with U. S. Twelfth Air Force Thunderbolts and RAF South African fighters.

A naval communique disclosed the U. S. Destroyer Woolsey had shot down a bridge during frequent bombardments of the Italian Riviera. Other vessels in these bombardments were the U. S. Destroyers Gleaves and Benson and the French Destroyers L'Alcyon, Le Fortune and Trombe.

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opinion. The peoples on the other side don't know the national socialist regime.

"We know the democratic statesmen, the Bolshevists and Jews want to bring Germany to slavery, despoil our youth and let millions starve.

Speaks Quietly

"Because we know the aims of our enemies and we know the fate that awaits us if we lose this war, we are fighting for our fatherland, for survival of the German people, for our culture and for our posterity."

Hitler, still speaking quietly, promised the German people that the Nazis would rebuild all the war's destruction in the Reich.

He sneered at democracy, declaring, "in all countries, so-called democracy has proved barren," and "to all countries of Europe Democracies have brought catastrophe."

Hitler noted that "Finland, Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary collapsed in the year 1944," and asserted:

"It was the corrupt democratic civilization which brought treachery to these countries."

Hitler boasted that Germany had produced "millions of new soldiers and artillery corps as if by magic" and added that "this will be recognized as a miracle of the twentieth century."

He said such people who could produce this "miracle" would "never perish but will come stronger out of it."

Asks Trust in Him

"At the end of this year," Hitler told the German people, "I want to beg you to continue to trust Germon leadership.

"I speak to you less now, not because I cannot speak," the mysteriously secluded and long-silent Fuhrer continued, "but because my work is taking every hour of my time.

"Unshakably, we shall fulfill our task also in the new year," he concluded, in a resolute tone which he maintained throughout the broadcast.

Cleric 'Defended Home'; Murder Charges Voided

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 30 (AP).—Murder charges against the Rev. F. W. Noles, State superintendent of the Assembly of God Churches, were dismissed in city court by Judge Thomas Bowden.

"Every man has a right to defend his own home, Judge Bowden told the 55-year-old preacher, who admitted shooting and killing his son-in-law, Joseph E. Mayo, 42, of Laurel, Miss., after a Christmas Day dinner in the Noles home.

Mayo was shot four times as his wife, six children and mother-in-law looked on. Mr. Noles told the court that Mayo, who had been separated from his daughter, had attempted to induce Mrs. Mayo to return to Mississippi.

Upon her refusal, he said, Mayo because abusive and turned on him.

Henry M. Kendrick

Funeral services for Henry Marshall Kendrick, 86, who could remember the siege of his native Natchez, Miss., in 1864, will be held at the Warner E. Pumphrey funeral home, 8434 Georgia ave., Silver Spring, Md., today at 1 p. m. Mr. Kendrick, who died Friday at Homeopathic Hospital, will be buried at Middleburg, Va.

A District resident more than 50 years, he was a Department of Agriculture employe from the turn of the century until his retirement in 1934. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Mr. Kendrick leaves a daughter, Mrs. Sanford H. Brown, of Silver Spring; two grandsons, and two sisters, Mrs. Martha K. Jacquet, of Beltsville, Md., and Mrs. Molly K. Jeffers, of Far Hills, N. J.

By Brussels Radio

Hitler Quoted on Death of Kesselring

ALBERT KESSELRING, the German commander in Italy, who again yesterday was reported dead of wounds

London, Dec. 31 (AP).—The Brussels radio today quoted what it said was an order of the day from Adolf Hitler dated November 27, announcing the death of Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, commander of German troops in Italy.

A report from Bern, Switzerland, on November 2, had said Kesselring was wounded in Italy when an Allied plane machine-gunned his automobile near Bologna.

The order announced the death of a large number of Nazi Party members and state personalities, and army commanders who have been killed or wounded, the Brussels radio said.

It quoted Hitler as saying, in part: "I announce the deaths of Stormtroop Leader Littel, Maj. Gen. Kiehl and Marshal Kesselring."

Reported From Luxembourg

London, Dec. 31 (U.P.).—A British war correspondent brodacasting over the Luxembourg radio said today that the death of Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, German commander in chief in Italy, had been announced in an order of the day.

2 D. C. Officers Are Assigned To New Cruiser

Two Washington naval officers will serve in leading capacities aboard the Navy's newest heavy cruiser, the USS Chicago, when it is commissioned at the Philadelphia Navy Yard soon, the Potomac River Naval Command announced yesterday.

Comdr. Omar Norman Spain, of 2023 Park rd. nw., will be the ship's gunnery officer and Lieut. Comdr. Gerald Hugh McAteer of 4442 Greenwich Parkway nw., will serve as medical officer.

Commander Spain, a graduate of the Naval Academy in 1935, has had wide experience in naval ordnance.

Commander McAteer, former chief resident physician at Georgetown University Hospital, holds the Purple Heart and the Silver Star for heroism aboard the Aircraft Carrier Hornet. Before the Hornet sank in the Battle of Santa Cruz, Dr. McAteer attended the wounded despite his own injuries which made it necessary for him to be carried from casualty to casualty.

CBS News Broadcaster Favors Wide Coverage

New York, Dec. 31 (U.P.).—Paul W. White, director of news broadcasts of Columbia Broadcasting System, has urged that a "great part of the whole radio spectrum, at least as large a portion as is now allotted thereto, should be devoted . . . to international short-wave broadcasting" in a "free and unfettered flow of news in the postwar world."

Speaking before the Women's Press Club, White said that such broadcasting should be "exactly what the term implies—the greatest democratic medium of reaching everyone more quickly, more thoroughly than any other medium for mass communication ever invented by man."

Msgr. Ryan Urges Rehabilitation Aid By Lend-Lease

Chicago, Dec. 31 (AP).—Lend-Lease "is the answer" to Europe's rehabilitation problems in the transition from war to peace and will help avoid "war debt squabbling," the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Lyan of Washington said here.

Monsignor Ryan, director of the Department of Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, in an address prepared for the Catholic Economic Association convention, urged "the more fortunate nations" to send devastated countries adequate relief, and asserted the "menace of revolution" will fade by so doing.

These goods, he said, should come "not as loans not as outright gifts, but simply as assistance or as a charity in the most effective and realistic sense of that noble word."

Nazis Say U-Boats Got 6 Transports

London, Dec. 31 (AP).—The Berlin radio claimed today that Nazi U-boats sank six Allied transports, aggregating 25,600 tons, off the British coast in the last few days.

Ogden Physician Recounts Horrors of Utah Train Crash

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 31 (INS).—A vivid description of the Southern Pacific train wreck west of Ogden, which brought death to scores, was told today by Dr. L. S. Sycamore of Ogden, one of the first physicians to reach the scene of the collision.

"It was a scene of carnage when I reached the wreck," said Dr. Sycamore. "Heads, legs and arms of dozens of victims were scattered about.

"The wooden cars were reduced to matchwood.

"I was directed to a day coach, in which I assisted 17 of the injured to safety and then administered to them. There were broken legs and compound fractures, chiefly. Others carried some dead from this same coach."

Dr. Sycamore reported scores of persons were treated for shock. He said:

"They suffered from shock from the accident—and from shock from what they saw. It was a horrible sight."

A sailor, who survived the wreck, declared:

"I was awakened in my seat by what sounded like a loud roar of thunder. Then, there was a grinding, screeching sound that seemed like it was continuing forever."

Maj. John F. Moran, a Ninth Service Command intelligence director from Fort Douglas, Utah, rushed to the scene because government property was involved in the wreck. Upon his return to Ogden, he said:

"One of the fortunate things about the accident was that the Pacific limited was carrying two Army hospital cars, which were deadheading to San Francisco.

"Three Army doctors and nurses gave valuable emergency service to the injured.

"Later, several of the cars not derailed were able to proceed to Elko, Nev., with some of the injured."

Maj. Moran called Victor Kovarik of Ogden, conductor of the Pacific Limited, one of the "real heroes" of the wreck. He said:

"Kovarik was conductor of the train that was hit. He found seven persons trapped in one compartment. A steam pipe had broken and the women faced death from scalding. He broken down the door of the compartment and then smashed a window and lowered the women to safety.

"Both Kovarik and some of the women were partially scalded by the escaping steam. But, if it hadn't been for his quick action, it is almost certain that the women would have been scalded to death."

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scoped in a jumbled mass, he said.

Four or five coaches were sprawled over the double trackage, blocking the right-of-way, Smith said. At least three slid down the bank of the rock fill-in and rested in the shallow waters at the edge of Great Salt Lake.

Smith said he saw scores of persons milling about the wreckage and blankets covering many victims.

The Army's Bushnell General Hospital at Brigham sent ambulances here to await rescue trains and prepared to take care of military personnel and the civilian overflow from Dee Hospital at Ogden.

R. E. Edens, superintendent of the Ogden terminal, said the first section contained two military hospital cars which were undamaged. Some of the injured were placed in these and taken west to Elko, Nev., he said.

No Passengers in Rear Section

The rear section was carrying no passengers and was made up entirely of baggage and express cars. Aboard the 18-car front section were more than 300 passengers.

J. McDonald, of Ogden, Utah, engineer on the rear section locomotive, was killed.

Railroad officials said the collision site was about 3 miles west of Bagley, a right-of-way hamlet for maintenance workers.

The wreck occurred on the 7-foot high fill-in built through the marshland east of Great Salt Lake. A trestle crosses Great Salt Lake farther west, on the transcontinental line from Ogden to San Francisco.

Preliminary reports said the first section was delayed by a freight train stalled by mechanical trouble. The freight had started after making minor repairs and the first section of No. 21 was just getting under way when the second section rammed into it from the rear, these reports said.

The rear Pullman of the first train was shattered by the oncoming engine of the second section and its shell encased much of the locomotive.

The second car from the rear was smashed and the Pullman tourist, third from the rear, telescoped the diner immediately ahead.

The ninth and tenth cars from the rear, coaches, were telescoped together, and the ninth car was completely shattered and it was believed many of the casualties were in that coach.

Most of the other cars of the first train were twisted off the rails.

Lloyd C. Hopkins of Ogden, who drove to the scene in an automobile, said 11 cars were off the track, and that wreckage littered the right-of-way. He said the diner was badly smashed, and rescue workers informed him most or all of those in that car were killed.

The rails were torn up. It was not known how long rail traffic would be halted.

Every available physician and nurse in the Obden-Salt Lake City vicinity was called into service.

It was the first major accident in tah since December 1, 1938, when a Denver and Rio Grande Western freight train ploughed into a Jordan school bus 15 miles south of Salt Lake City, killing 24 persons.

25 Hurt in Ohio Clash

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 31 (AP).—Twenty-three persons were injured, five of them hospitalized, in a collision between two Pennsylvania trains outside the Union Terminal here last night.

Pennsylvania officials said a Pittsburgh-to-Cincinnati passenger train rammed into the rear of an express train stopped at a C. & O. crossing. The compan blamed a heavy fog for the crash.

Arlington Woman Wires Ankle Is Fractured

While no Washington area residents have yet been listed as having been in the train wreck in Utah yesterday, Capt. John W. Thomas, USA, 2600 S. Wayne st., Arlington, Va., phoned The Post to inquire about the accident. He explained he had a wire from his wife, Mrs. Ruth Thomas, en route from Chicago to San Francisco, stating "Am feeling fine, ankle fractured." He did not know where his wife was when she dispatched the telegram.

Some of Injured Named

San Francisco, Dec. 31 (AP).—The Southern Pacific Co. announced here that the undamaged cars from the first section of Train 21, wrecked today near Ogden, Utah, was under way again for San Francisco and that 17 of the less badly injured civilians were being brought with the train, aboard a United States Army hospital car.

The injred aboard this car included:

John Bolhus, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. Joe Edwards, Route 3, Cartersville, Ga.

Ver(Sec) Beareld, Warren, Pa.

B. R. Green, Pullman conductor, no address.

The Southern Pacific announces the following had been received at an Ogden Hospital:

Riddle Hoover, Palm Beach, South Carolina.

Joe Edwards, Rt. 3, Cartersville, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Barris, Cherokee, Iowa. (Mrs. Barris apparently uninjured).

M. E. Hardman, fireman, no address.

Ann Butti, no address, en route to Oakland, Calif., to meet her husband.

Phyllis Matton, Martin Grove, Ill.

Arthur Semlick, Milwaukee, Wis.

The Southern Pacific said 28 Navy wounded were hospitalized but that their names would have to be disclosed by the military.

Maj. E. A. Goldman Of Agriculture Dept. Retires

Maj. Edward A. Goldman, senior member of the Bureau of Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, retired Saturday following 52 years of service.

Since 1928 Major Goldman has specialized principally in research, conducting extensive studies in synthetic rubber manufacture. These studies he will continue privately, Goldman told a group of Agriculture employes.

Major Goldman served with the Army Medical Corps during World War I and first joined the Agriculture Department when C. Hart Merriam was in charge of the biological studies there. He spent 15 years in Mexico, doing anatomical research.

He is a member of the Cosmos Club, the New York Explorers Club, the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences and is past president of the Academy of Sciences.

Soldier in 3 Campaigns Awarded Bronze Star

Berryville, Va., Dec. 31.—T/Sergt. Letcher Lloyd, son of Oliver Lloyd, has been awarded the Bronze Star. Sergeant Lloyd's outfit has been in three major campaigns.

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1945 Fighting to Be Violent, Nimitz Says

Admiral Surveys Outlook After Talk With British Leader

By Rembert James

Aboard Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet Flagship, in the Western Pacific, Dec. 25 (Delayed) (AP).—A picture of joint American-British with fighting growing more violent operations against Japan in 1945, as the enemy is squeezed tighter and tighter, was drawn by Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz today.

"The war to come will consist of obtaining bases closer and closer to the Japanese Empire from which we can reach the enemy with all the weapons we have," said Nimitz at a press conference.

"But the war will be far from won even when we cross the Pacific. At that time the war enters its toughest phase for us."

The silver-hairsed native of Fredericksburg, Tex., whose strategy in 1944 cost Japan a Pacific Ocean empire as large as the United States, spoke to reporters of recent conferences with Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, commander of the British Pacific Fleet.

"The British Fleet is not coming over here for any specific purpose," said Nimitz, "they will carry their share of the load and they will be plenty aggressive.

"The British Fleet will operate in the Pacific under the control of the theater commander to which they have been assigned.

"I look forward to seeing the British working in close coordination with the United States Pacific Fleet.

Describing the development of Guam he said that island "now is taking the place it should have had always, and it will be of great value to the United States for all time to come. Whatever may have been its shortcomings before the war, those of us in responsible positions will leave no stone unturned to develop Guam to the ultimate."

Retiring Soon

Lloyd Georfe Named Earl By King

London (Monday,) Jan. 1 (U.P.).—David Lloyd George, British Prime Minister during the first World War, was named an earl on King George VI's New Year's honor list today.

It was learned that the famous British elder statesman, who will be 82 this month, would take the title Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor.

Dwyfor is the name of the mountain stream passing his farm of Ty Newydd at Llanystumdwy, Caernarvonshire, Wales, where he spent his boyhood. For 54 years he has represented Caernarvonshire in Parliament.

His London home also is named Dywfor.

Lloyd George's elevation to an earldom was made possibly by his retirement from Parliament, which was announced last week. He could not receive a title and hold a seat in Commons at the same time.

Last week, Lloyd George announced that in accordance with his physician's advice he had decided not to run again for Parliament in which, as a Liberal party member, he had served continuously for the last 54 years.

His career began in 1890 when, as a young solicitor, he was elected to Parliament by a slim margin at a byelection. He never lost an election after that.

Pravda Flays Pope's Failure To Hit Nazis

Moscow, December 31 (U.P.).—The Communist Party newspaper Pravda today charged that Pope Pius XII was an apologist for and an ally of fascism and asserted that his Chirstmas message reflected a "policy to help Germany escape full responsibility for her crimes."

"In his Christmas message," the article said, "the Pope took the trouble to formulate a line of conduct of peoples and states in connection with the present international situation. It is very significant that in his message you cannot find a single word about the unprecendented monstrous crimes of Hitlerite bandits.

"The Pope did not find it necessary to devote even a few words to this problem which occupies the minds of millions of people. The Pope also did not find a single word of condemnation for the Italian fascist gang and their leader, Mussolini. This was not caused by a poor memory but by the definite policy and sympathy of the Pope.

"The Pope thinks the keystone of world security is to treat victors and vanquished as equals, which at the present time means equal treatment for peaceful nations and Fascist aggressors. The Hitlerite barbarians do not find a single word of condemnation and the impact of the Pope's message is aimed against the great masses of people and their aspirations for true democracy.

"In order to clear the road for such an operation the Pope jaxtaposes the masses and the people. He refuses to recognize the 'will of the people' and goes on to prove that in states governed by the 'will of the masses freedom become tyranny'."

Maryland Farmers Pay U. S. $8374 for Labor

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 31 (AP).—Washington County farmers paid the United States Treasury $8374.30 for farm labor provided by men stationed at county civilian public service camps during the emergency period last summer, the Farm War Board has disclosed.

The men included conscientious objectors, Bahamians, Jamaicans, and others.

Mrs. Clara Ford Nesbit

Mrs. Clara Ford Nesbit, 75, treasurer of Dolly Madison Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, died yesterday at Emergency Hospital after a short illness. She was the widow of Charles F. Nesbit and lived at the Westchester Apartments.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. at the Church of the Covenant. Burial will be at Rock Creek cemetery.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Nesbit came to Washington in her infancy and was graduated from Mount Vernon Seminary in 1888. She was a member of the Washington Club, the Society of Mayflower Descendants, and had been treasurer of the DAR chapter for 35 years. She was one of the founders of the Cultus Club.

Mrs. Nesbit leaves her son, Frank Ford Nesbit, and a granddaughter, Miss Barbara A. Nesbit, both of this city.

Edgar H. High

Funeral services for Edgar H. High, 78, retired metropolitan policeman, will be held tomorrow at 3 p. m. at Hines funeral home. Mr. High died Saturday at his home, 3712 Massachusetts ave. nw., and will be buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Born in Newville, Pa., he came to Washington 50 years ago. During the past two years of police duty he was assigned to the White House which, when Calvin Coolidge was President. He saw 28 years of service with the police.

Mr. High was a member of Washington Centennial Masonic Lodge and Centennial Chapter, Eastern Star. He leave his wife, Mrs. Roberta C. High.

Use of Grenades Against Outlaws In Sicily Approved

Rome, Dec. 31 (U.P.).—The Italian news agency Orbis said today that Allied authorities have authorized police in Sicily to use hand grenades in dealing with lawless bands—partly separatists and partly gangsters—which are disturbing public peace there.

The agency said Allies and Italian authorities are discussing the advisability of equipping Carabinieri—top-ranking Italian police branch—with tanks and armored cars in order to combat brigands in their mountain hideouts. The outlaws reportedly are armed with modern equipment, including automatic arms and large supplies of ammunition.

Orbis said these arms are of both German and British makes.

Meanwhile, organized bands are circulating leaflets in Sicily, warning young men not to answer the government's call to arms on pain of reprisals.

Potomac Yards Worker Charged With Assault

Lewis Parker, 42, railroad worker in the Potomac Yards at Alexandria, was charged with felonious assault yesterday following a fight which resulted in seriou injury to another worker, James Ward, 40.

Ward, cut across the top of the head, was in a seroius condition in Alexandria Hospital. Police said he suffered the wound when Parker struck him with a brake stick.

Herbert Durand

Bronxville, N. Y., Dec. 31. (AP).—Herbert Durand, 86, lecturer and author of "My Wild Flower Garden" and other books on botany, died yesterday. Born in Malone, N. Y., he spent the early part of his career as a reporter on the Louisville Courier-Journal and the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

What's Going On And Where

Entertainment for Service Men and Women

Victory Canteen for Servicemen, 1113 Pennsylvania ave. nw., 10 a. m.

Army-Navy Masonic Servicemen's Center, 13th st. and New York ave. nw., 1 p. m.

Servicemen's Ticket Booth, K st. and Pennsylvania ave. nw., 4 to 8:30 p. m.

Pepsi-Cola Canteen for Servicemen of the United Nations, 13th and G sts. nw., checking, showers and lounge, all day.

Stage Door Canteen, Belasco Theater, 7:30 to 8:30 p. m., Bud Gilbert; 8:45 p. m., Capitol Theater and other entertainment.

USO, 1911 H st. nw., open house, all day; 6:30 p. m., buffet supper; 8:30 p. m., dance.

USO, YMCA, 1736 G st. nw., 1:30 p. m., sightseeing; 6 to 7 p. m., musical echoes; 7:30 p. m., glee club; 8 p. m., music hour; 8:30 p. m., dance class.

Officers Service Club, 1644 21st st. nw., 8:30 to 11:30 p. m., informal dancing, ping-pong and bridge.

Exhibits

Corcoran Gallery of Art, 12 noon to 4:30 p. m., fifty-fourth annual exhibition of the Society of Washington Artists.

Meetings

Jewish Community Center, 16th and Q sts. nw., 8:30 p. m., Yiddish musical comedy, "A Double Wedding," with Michael Rosenberg.

AK Sergeants, reception, 5:30 p. m., Statler Hotel.

Birth Follows Battle on an Old LST

U. S. Navy Photo

A DAUGHTER ARRIVES—After the old work horses of the Navy, the LST's (landing ships, tanks), had done their job at Mindoro and were getting ou, No. 1025 suddenly became a maternity ward. A Navy doctor and two hospital corpsmen delivered a Pilipino woman, Maria Demilin, of a daughter, whom she named Juanita. The mother watches anxiously as the medics, just as anxious, handle Juanita just after her arrival

January 15 Next Income Tax Hurdle

By the Associated Press

It may not be a happy New Year thought, but as an income tax payer your next appointment with your Uncle Samuel is only two weeks off.

January 15 is one of the important tax dates of 1945. In fact it will steal some thunder from the most notorious of all income tax days, March 15.

There is a new and special inducement to many taxpayers to wind up all their 1944 income tax obligations by January 15 instead of March 15. Millions of persons will do just that.

What to Do January 15

January 15 is the deadline for:

1. Paying the final installment of your estimated tax for 1944, if you owe it.

2. Filing an amended declaration of estimated tax for 1944, if it looks as though your estimate of last April 15 was wrong and you want to adjust your final payment. You aren't really required to file this amended declaration unless you underestimated the tax by more than 20 per cent.

Last Chance for 1944 Estimate

3—Filing an original declaration of estimated tax for 1944 if you are required to file one and have not yet done it. Farmers especially are affected by this because they were not required to make such a declaration last April.

The deadline for those three actions was originally December 15 and was extended by Congress.

Anybody who is supposed to do any of those three things can simply ignore it if he files his final 1944 income tax return by January 15 and pays all of the tax due on it.

Whether you do this or not, don't forget that declarations of estimated tax for 1945 will be due March 15. The number of people who have to file that declaration will be less than the number that had to file the declaration for 1944.

Changes Made in Basis

For 1944, taxpayers had to file declarations if their wages were more than $2700 single or $3500 marride. For 1945, taxpayers will have to file the estimates if their wages are more than $5000 single with an addition of $500 for each additional exemption such as a wife or dependent. For both 1944 and 1945, declarations are required if the taxpayer earnis more than $100 from sources not subject to withholding taxes.

If you don't elect t ofile your final 1944 return by January 15, you must of course file it by March 15, the traditoinal time.

March 15, by the way, is the final deadline for those who postponed part of their 1943 taxes at the time the Nation first went on a pay-as-you-go basis. If you still owe part of the 1943 tax, a separate bill will be sent by the collector.

Nearly aall of those who file their final returns January 15 will use the regular blank (Form 1040), because the new and simpler blanks, in the form of withholding receipts, are not required to be distributed by employers until January 31. Few employers will have them ready by January 15.

Brief Respite

Cold to Follow Cloudy, Warm Day in D. C.

Today will be cloudy and warmer after yesterday's rain melted the blanket of ice that had covered Washington streets for the past week.

The Weather Bureau predicted that tonight will be colder with the temperature descending to 27 degrees. This drop is expected to herald a cold wave forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday when temperatures throughout the day will remain below freezing. The thermometer will go down to 15 degrees on these nights, the Weather Bureau predicted.

Meanwhile, the remains of ice and snow that stuck to Washington streets and sidewalks were responsible for several pedestrian and motorist accidents early yesterday.

Edwin G. Wallis, 55, of 4445 34th st., south Farlington, Arlington, was treated at Casualty Hospital for back injuries and shock received when his automobile was struck by a hit-and-run driver, according to police. The accident occurred at Pennsylvania and Pothe injured man was riding was tomac aves. se. The car in which driven by his wife, Mrs. Mae Wallis, 45, of the same address.

Miss Emma C. Brice, 63, of 3713 Windom pl. nw., was injured when she fell on the ice in front of her home. She was treated at Emergency Hospital for possible fracture of the neck and injuries on the left arm.

Evelyn Lewis, 18, Negro, of 1018 Whittingham pl. ne., and Paul Hanbury, Negro, 18, of 4623 Minnesota ave. ne., were injured yesterday morning when the sled on which they were riding collided with a taxi at the intersection of 44th and Gault sts. ne. The tax was operated by Thomas Barnes, Negro, 53, police said. They were taken to Casualty Hospital where the girl was treated for possible fracture of the spine and left hip and the boy was treated for head injuries.

2 D. C. Fighters Get New Year Furloughs

Two Washington servicemen, one Army flier and the other a Marine, arrived home just in time to celebrate New Year's Eve with their families here.

After 10 months overseas as a B-26 Marauder pilot, First Lieut. Robert S. Fitzsimmonds was home on furlough yesterday visiting his mother, Mrs. J. R. Cavanagh, at 4514 Livingston rd. se.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Feehan, 4401 Burlington pl. nw., yesterday welcomed their son, Marine Lieut. Harry Feehan, 24, who had just returned on furlough after 14 months service as a gunnery officer aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific.

Lieutenant FitzSimmonds, who has completed 65 missions over Nazi-held territory and the Reich itself, is a graduate of Eastern High School and was an employe at the Treasury Department before he joined the Army Air Forces in 1942. Just before he left for home, he saw his brother, John FitzSimmonds, also an AAF member, who was reported missing in action recently.

Lieutenant Feehan was a senior at Wesleyan College when he was called to active duty with the Marine Corps in December, 1942. He has been a member of the reserve forces for the last four years. When his present leave terminates, Lieutenant Feehan will report for a new duty assignment, his parents reported.

Page County Plants Give Christmas Bonuses

Luray, Va., Dec. 31—Page County plants made hundreds of employes happy with bonuses of one kind or another during the holidays. The Blue Bell plants at Luray gave each of their employes a $25 war bond. The Luray Textile Corp. gave a cash bonus based on service and the Virginia Oak Tannery gave each employe full pay for the Christmas Day holiday. The Shenandoah Knitting Mills at Shenandoah gave a bonus of $25 in cash to each employe of a year or more and proportionate amounts to those employed under a year.

Suitor Slays Forgiven Wife Of Soldier, Then Ends Life

Philadelphia, Dec. 31 (AP).—Two hours before Betty Hertel, 21-year-old GI wife, lay dead Friday night, she told her husband she had been unfaithful, and that Charles Serwalt, 40, was at that moment planning to kill her and then himself, Detective Michael Schwartz reported today.

Schwartz said Corpl. Harry E. Hertel, 25, told him: "I said, 'Aw, forget it.' I was so glad to be home, so glad to see her, that I could forgive anything."

Mrs. Hertel and a man police identified as Serwalt were dead two hours later, Mrs. Hertel with a bullet in her heart and the man, identiified by neighbors as a frequent visitor at the apartment, was at her side, a revolver clutched in his hand.

The soldier, just returned from 28 months overseas, told Detective Schwartz, his wife, sobbing for forgiveness and promising to be "a good wife as long as she lived," told him she had a child by the man she said was Serwalt and that the child died last August at the age of five months."

"Then this fellow burst into our apartment with the gun in his hand, looking crazy," Schwartz quoted Hertel as saying.

"I started downstairs for help when I heard five shots," Hertel continued, Schwartz said.

James Kates and Mrs. John McGlinchey, who were coming to call on Mrs. Hertel, corroborated the soldier's statement, telling police they heard Mrs. Hertel scream: "Dont! Don't!"

"Then we heard the shots," Mrs. McGlinchey said.

Gong to Sound Wednesday for New Congress

By Douglas B. Cornell
Associated Press Staff Writer

Courting world peace but squaring off for some heavy home front slugging, legislators will ring the gong Wednesday for a lew Congress.

Stacked in front of them are a dozen or so problems, many touching the lives of all Americans, all of them capable of exploding into blazing legislative issues. They carry such labels as:

Universal military training, social security expansion, taxes, wartime financing, price control, congressional reorganization and international treaties.

It may be months before the Senate is asked to ratify a treaty for peace machinery growing out of the Dumbarton Ooaks conference. But vehement debate on the subject and on international issues in general is ready to boil up any moment.

And right at the start of the new session, Congress will take a couple of Saturdays off to clean up some political chores left over from the 1944 election. Senate and House will count electorial votes jointly next Saturday and to nobody's surprise anhounce President Roosevelt's election to a fourth term, 432 to 99.

Then, two weeks later, they are invited down to the White House lawn with a few hundred other folk to watch the inauguration.

And while the Democrats picked up some strength in the November voting, that offers no guarantee of smooth sailing for all the Administration's legislative program in the 79th Congress.

Even on extending Social Security coverage to additional millions, there may be some trouble. Although both major political parties indorsed expansion during the campaign, there are divergent ideas on financing and on what classes of people should be brought into the system.

Mr. Roosevelt has promised to give his own views to Congress shortly.

In the more immediate picture, however, are his annual message to Congress and the budget for the next fiscal year. Probably he will deliver neither in person.

Their timing will be decided when the President meets tomorrow with Democratic leaders of the Senate and House.

Compulsory military training for American youth in peacetime may be one of the earliest and toughest issues.

The Chief Executive has let it be known he wants some type of universal service. He said he would leave it to Congress to decide how much of the training be military. On that, legislators have thought up hot arguments.

While studies looking toward erection of a sound postward tax structure have been under way, it may be many additional months before any tax cuts are approved even for the future. Tied in with the question is the whole problem of financing a war that costs upwards of a hundred billion dollars a year.

The next budget, tentatively, was cut below this year's. But indefinite prolongation of Germany's lease on life could upset all the Government's financial hopes.

Congressmen naturally will be wondering how the Administration can assure the 60 million peacetime jobs as announced as the presidential goal. Already, however, they have authorized some stand-by highway and flood control projects. They may work up a housing program and probably they will try to get together on some river and horbor improvements.

To put hteir own house in order and modernize it for handling issues of peace and war, they have told a committee on congressional reorganization to report back by April 1 with some recommendations.

And along about that time they will have to begin thinking about the Price Control Act—always a touchy subject—which expires at the end of June.

Yet all these issues, important as they may be, will assume sideshow status once the international compacts on which the world pins its hopes for lasting security are ready for action. Probably there will be fighting over methods of attaining peace. For Senators who have to ratify treaties have no unanimity of opinion, and House members who can do no more than watch from the sidelines want to be dealt in, too.

Sermon Themes Stress Unity, Work for '45

By Robert Tate Allan

Unified effort in various spheres of Christian service was among the notable achievements of the church, as a whole, in 1944, believe Washington religious leaders.

In New Year's statements to the Washington Post, some laymen and clergy felt such unity was best expressed by the churches' ministry to men and women in uniform. Others said the concern over a new world order and for religious freedom for all mankind had united the churches as never before.

Through their own chaplaincy boards; through the General Commission on Army Navy Chaplains; through the American Bible Society, and through cooperation between military and religious leaders, the church was able to give its message to millions of men and women in uniform. While through the Federal Council of Churches, the rank-and-file of Protestantism sounded their views on the bases of a just and durable peace.

Many Bibles Distributed

Dr. W. L. Darby, president of the Washington City Bible Society, last night estimated that American churches had contributed a half-million dollars in 1944 to provide a million Ttstaments, 250,000 Bibles and four million tracts to service personnnel. The United States Government also expended large sums for chapels and service equipment.

Commenting on the unity demonstrated by the churches in 1944, Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, Federation of Churches' executive secretary, declared:

"We have seen a growth of the ecumenical spirit. The tragedy and insuperable tasks of our modern world have compelled churches to unite their forces and resolve to meet the demands of the day."

Bishop Edwin H. Lee, director of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, and on leave as Methodist Bishop of Singapore and Malaya, said:

Servicemen Religions

"Religion has gone deep into the hearts of servicemen of all ranks. Men in the chaplaincy service in the present war will contribute much toward a unified and enlarged concept of ttrue religion."

The year's outstanding religious achievement, in the opinion of the Right Rev. Monsignor Lawrence J. Shehan, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, was "the growing acceptance of the teachings of Pope Pius XII on the foundations of a true peace."

"Shortly after he had ascended the throne of St. Peter almost six years ago," said Msgr. Shehan, "the Supreme Pontiff declared to a world in the first throes of agony of war:

"'It is certain that the radical and ultimate cause of the ills which we deplore in modern society is the denial and rejection of a universal form of morality as well for the individual and social life as for international relations.'"

Peace Is Major Aim

Continuing, the rector said:

"Each of the subsequent Christmas allocutions has been devoted to the central theme that peace and social reconstruction must be based on the recognition of the universal moral law—a law of justice applicable to all alike. Those magnificent pronouncements reached their climax in the noble message of this past Christmas. The wide acclaim given to that message is, I believe, one of the most hopeful signs for the future. It means that men are coming to realize that the only peace which can be a real peace is one that is based on God's eternal and unchanging law."

Civil Service Commissioner Arthur B. Fleming, lay leader of Foundry Methodist Church, expressed the belief that 1944 "has been characterized by a renewed determination on the part of the church to put itself in a position where it can make the maximum possible contribution to the reconstruction period following the war. It has continued to serve a world at war.

Fleming Praises Church

"At the same time," continued Commissioner Flemming, "the crusades which have been conducted and the crusades which are planned for 1945 have served notice to all concerned that the church is going to carry forward a definite, militant program designed to bring men to the place where they will accept and put into operation in their lives and in society those basic principles of living without which we can never achieve the goal of world peace."

Dr. Seth R. Brooks, general chairman of the Committee on Religious Life in the Nation's Capital, and pastor of the Universalist National Memorial Church, saw 1944's religious gains as "not in the headlines but in the personal column."

One gain, he said, was "the steady and unyielding strivings of genuinely religious people," while another was "the continued resistance of clergy—Catholic and Protestant alike—against their oppressors in Nazi-occupied lands."

Further evidences of religious gains in 1944, he pointed out, were the increase in high-grade religious writing, and the continued efforts of our military leaders to provide the best possible spiritual opportunities for men and women in uniform.

Dr. Brooks Cites Tolerance

"Finally, in spite of bigotry, bitterness and persecution," said Dr. Brooks, "1944 is perhaps the high-water mark in the field of tolerance and brotherhood. It can't be proven by statistics, but we believe that more religoius leaders and lay people are conscious of what true religion is than at any previous period in our history."

Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld, spiritual leader of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, saw gains in "a grownig awareness of eternal truths."

"Among those ternal truths," he said, "is the fact that we must resist evil with force, on every level of our being if we are to be co-workers with the divine; without a great spiritual covenant that will bind all people, the victory won on the battlefield will be of no avail; that a loose confederacy of the big 3 is a snare and a delusion and will only be the prelude to a new and more terrible war; that in deep humility we must take counsel together and find the way to a world discipline that will affirm a bill of rights for the individual man; the ultimate test of our freedom, and a translating that vision into a covenant for a new age."

Doubts Renewed Interest

Dr. John Bailey Kelly, pastor of Georgetown Presbyterian Church, and former president of Emporia (Kansas) College, saw "a renewed interest in religion" as one of the notable gains of 1944.

But while statistics showed a considerable increase in church attendance, and a renewed interest in religion, said he, "I am not sure there is a renewed commitment to religion and to what religion requires."

Religions Stories

What it regards as the 10 biggest religious news stories of 1944 are listed in the current issued of The Protestant Voice, international religious newspaper.

The stories were:

Mobilization of Christian opinion on world order; increased emphasis on Protestant unity; Protestantism's affirmation of its right to maintain missions in Latin-America; advance in weekday religious education; 33 million dollar increase in Protestant giving; precedent-breaking Bible-reading campaign; interchurch campaigns to promote interracial harmony; enactment of church-sponsored juvenile delinquency laws; Protestant-Catholic cooperation in European underground resistance, and the church's preparation for postwar expansion and rehabilitation.

Jeep Girl's Tip

Judy Urges Blood-Gift Resolutions

Judy, the Jeep Girl, yesterday suggested the No. 1 resolution on your New Year's list—be a regular donor to the Red Cross Blood Center.

A newcomer to Washington, Judy glint in her eye. She's a glamour is a rosy-cheeked paper doll with a gal from Hollywood with a patriotic mind. After doing her part to push the Sixth War Loan drive over the top, she is now working for the blood donor center urging Washingtonians to contribute in honor of a husband, a son or any relative in the armed forces.

She Has Mind of Own

Drawn by Staff Sergt. Jack Kreismer, a former Hollywood reporter and free-lance artist, this pert young lady may outshine Charlie McCarthy. Besides all the attributes that make her a pin-up gkirl, she has a mind of her own with views every bit as definte as the oft-quoted Charlie's.

Here are some of her New Year's reminders on blood donations: time to become regular blood donor. "January 1, 1945, is a splendid nor. Don't stop with a resolution. Keep it up all year. Now that you can donate in honor of some one dear to you, provides a real opportunity to help those fighting for you all over the world!"

Make Arrangements Now

Judy suggested that you call District 3300 and make arrangements to give yaur blood "that will be sent overseas to that boy who is doing the biggest job of his life for you."

This ardent worker traveled here from the Coast entirely by jeep, according to Sergent Kreismar, who explained she made bond pleas at major cities enroute. Modestly, he related that Judy had won the hearts of thousands of Ameicans who recognize her at Chamber of Commerce dinners, in auditoriums, factories and schoolhouses. Judy acquired a reputation on the West Coast as a war bond saleswoman in previous War Loan drives.

Job-Changing Made Harder Here by WMC

A tightening of War Manpower Commission provisions concerning workers leaving essential jobs, and employes quitting municipal and government service, was announced yesterday by Ernest . Connolly, Washington area WMC director.

"Under the Stabilization Program, a worker leaving essential employment without a statement of availability, is not eligible for further employment for 60 days," Connolly explained. "In the past, illegal employment and work for employers not included in the program was counted in the 60-day period. This will no longer be the case."

"As for workers leaving the employ of State, county, municipal and foreign governments, and of the legislative and judicial branches of the Federal Government, they are not required to obtain releases. However, in the future these workers must obtain referral by the United States Employment Service in seeking new jobs, Connolly stated.

"This latter stipulation will bring into the referral program from 150 to 200 workers a month," Connolly continued. "Several critical manpower shortages have developed in the Washington area, and the new regulations are designed to help place every available worker in the job where he is most needed."

Soldier Finds Wife After Groping Week

A 25-year-old Army private just back from 22 months in the Aleutians is probably on his way today to celebrate a belated Christmas with his wife, after they spent a week of his furlough searching for each other.

Pvt. Francis L. Cowell arrived at the home of his wife's parents in Coal Center, Pa., Christmas Day, on a surprise furlough, only to learn she had left a short time before to get a job in Washington, and that her parents had not yet received her address here.

Cowell came here, intending to stay at the United Nations Service Center until he located her. Meanwhile his wife, Mrs. Mildred Ann Cowell, 23, apparently telephoned her parents to say she had gone to California instead of coming to Washington.

Miss Kathleen Stotler, telephone operator at the service center, said Mrs. Cowell attempted to telephone her husband there from California at about 9 p. m. Saturday. Pvt. Cowell was out, however, so his wife left word for him to call the long distance operator as soon as he came in, saying she would make arrangements to meet him in Pittsburgh.

When Miss Stotler returned to work yesterday afternoon she found that the soldier had hastily checked out in the morning saying he was bound for—Pittsburgh.

Joseph Alsop, Columnist, Gets Captaincy

Promotion of First Lieut. Joseph W. Alsop, jr., cousin of President Roosevelt and the First Lady, to captain was announced yesterday by Maj. Gen. C. L. Chennault's Fourteenth Air Force headquarquarters. Capt. Alsop wrote a syndicated column for The Washington Post before he went to the Far East on war missions.

ALSOP

His connection with Gen. Chennault dates back to September, 1941, when he joined the staff of the American Volunteer Group. Outbreak of the war caught the captain in Hong Kong, where he was captured by the Japanese. He was repatriated in August, 1942, and three months later went to China as chief of the lend-lease mission. He was commissioned a year ago.

A graduate of Groton and Harvard, Alsop began his newspaper work on the New York Herald Tribune in 1932 and later wrote a column with Robert Kintner.

Mystery Surrounds Loss Of Swedish Ship, 19 Me

Stockholm, Dec. 31 (AP).—The Swedish steamer Venersborg, engaged in coastal traffic, was sunk mysteriously near Karlskrona, an official announcement today said. Missing since December 29, the 1550-ton Venersborg went down with all its crew of 20 except one while en route to Denmark.

The circumstances recalled the sinking of the Swedish steamer Hansa in October with the loss of nearly 100 lives shortly after the Germans had declared the sea a combat area in which ships were liable to be sunk without warning. The Germans denied responsibility for the Hansa's sinking.

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Talk Of Tax Cuts

Senator George's hope that "a fortuitous turn in the tide of fighting" might warrant a 10 per cent cut in Federal income taxes during the coming year is singularly ill-timed for more reasons than one. The end of the war in Europe not only appears to be receding, but there is every indication that estimated expenditures for the budget year 1945-46 will exceed those of the current fiscal year and may reach 100 billion dollars. Even if the end of the war should come sooner than we now anticipate, the scale of spending will continue to be far in excess of tax revenues so long as the Pacific war continues. For estimates of the amount of reductions in outlays that would follow final victory in Europe have been revised downward, running as low as 15 to 20 per cent of total war expenditures. This means that we probably would have an 80-billion-dollar spending budget after VE-Day, with taxes that are currently producing 45 billions a year. Under such conditions it would be the height of fiscal folly to reduce the general level of taxes.

Barring adjustments of a limited nature and special relief measures, tax reduction should be deferred until our scale of expenditures has returned to peacetime levels—levels at which existing taxes are more than adequate to cover outlays. At the present stage of the war we cannot possibly foresee what the postwar scale of spending is likely to be, although tax experts are now busying themselves with this question and offering us a choice of postwar expenditure estimates. Furthermore, there is no way of estimating in advance postwar revenue yields from present taxes except by making arbitrary assumptions as to the amount of postwar national income that will be subject to taxation.

In emphasizing these uncertainties we do not intend to decry the importance of formulating tax plans for future guidance. The planners are doing a useful job in trying to picture the postwar tax situation and to suggest methods of effecting reductions. Not all the experts, of course, favor postponing tax reductions until a budgetary balance can be achieved. Some would resort to tax reductions as a means of stimulating postwar business and assuring full employment, should a stimulus prove necessary, even if budgetary deficits were thereby increased. Even those who urge that tax reductions be timed with reference to economic developments, however, would find no reason to welcome tax cuts contingent upon a final military victory in Europe. For thereafter our industries and our people will continue to work at top speed and our Government will still be spending many billions more than it collects in taxes.

Russia's Children

The material satisfactions, the gifts and comforts and feasting which gladden this season in our homes are scarce indeed in war-time Russia. Especially the children may find it barren—unless we choose to send them a tithe of our good fortune. The opportunity is at hand until January 7 through the appeal sponsored by Russian War Relief.

The appeal is particularly for high quality, warm winter clothing, outgrown but not outworn, and for certain badly needed foodstuffs—chiefly evaporated or condensed milk, tinned baby foods, hard candy, breakfast cocoa, bars of baking chocolate and packaged raisins. Millions of Russian children have been orphaned or crippled or left homeless. After a visit to one of the institutions where they have been assembled, the representative in Russia of Russian War Relief made this report about them: "When they first came here from Stalingrad and Leningrad and Smolensk these children did not play and they never smiled. They were little old men—little old men from three to seven years old. They cried. They hid under beds at night for fear of air raids. They jumped at sudden noises and burst into tears. They did not talk."

Better than by treaties or by diplomatic documents, no matter how eloquent, peoples are bound together by the gestures of simple human sympathy they make to one another. Perhaps we can best implement the sense of community we have come to feel toward the Russian people by embracing their children within the spirit that unites us all at this season of the year.

1945

There is a strong temptation, as we greet the New Year, to linger in reflection upon the achievements of 1944. They have been numerous. One has only to revert to the outlook confronting us a year ago today to see how far we have come and to feel a flush of pride in it. A year ago Hitler still dominated Europe and the Japanese seemed to be well entrenched in the vast empire their conquests had won. The great liberation movements in both Europe and Asia had just begun. Now France and most of Italy have been freed. Russia has regained a vast stretch of her own territory and virtually driven the invaders from the Balkans. General MacArthur is back in the Philippines threatening the Japanese lifeline, and a great new air force is carrying the war to the very heart of Japan from bases which the Japs believed to be securely in their hands a year ago.

At home we have weathered a national election in wartime without seriously interrupting the war effort. We have turned out mountains of military supplies, without any breakdown in our civilian economy. The cause of peace was advanced by the momentous negotiations at Dumbarton Oaks. Yet all of these accomplishments are so overshadowed by greater tasks remaining to be done that they necessarily recede into the background as we enter upon another year.

Self-congratulation for what has been done to date took a stunning blow when the Nazis stormed out of their defensive positions and reinvaded Belgium and Luxembourg two weeks ago. It suffered a chill of disillusion when our Allies began settling various postwar problems of much concern to the whole world by unilateral or bilateral action without the consultation and mutual agreement for which the United States has been working and fighting. Each of these developments has had the effect of waking us up to realization of the fact that the hardest battles of both the war and the peace are yet ahead of us.

We shall be best able to meet these tests of our strength, foresight and resourcefulness if we begin by being wholly candid with ourselves. First of all, then, the New Year will require a tightening of controls on the civilian front. The fact is that we have not yet succeeded in mobilizing our manpower to the best advantage. We have trifled with the problem—at first because we seemed to have an enormous reservoir to draw from and more recently because we deluded ourselves into thinking that the war would soon be over anyway. Now it is time to face facts at home just as courageously as our men are facing guns in the theaters of war. We hope that War Mobilization Director Byrnes will do this in his report to Congress and the President tomorrow and that the people will rally to support whatever home-front controls may be necessary to overcome all the specific shortages and prospective shortages. This world crisis is far too serious to risk any impairment of our strength for want of full utilization of our resources.

With renewed effort both at home and on the battlefields, 1945 may well become the year of transition from war problems to peace problems, at least in Europe. This means that the frictions which are now beginning to irritate members of the United Nations will be intensified unless masterful statesmanship is brought to bear upon each problem as it arises. Candor forces us to recognize that to date our strength in war has been infinitely greater than our sagacity in preparing for peace. The United States has taken a position of respected leadership in the military field that simply has not been matched in the diplomatic and political spheres. Another year of hesitation and uncertainty in the face of rapidly moving events would endanger the winning of the peace just as certainly as laxity on the fighting and production fronts would jeopardize the winning of the war.

Whatever it may hold, therefore, 1945 cannot be a year of relaxation unless we are ready to accept another armistice and await the coming of World War III. Our situation demands an intensification of effort, with far greater emphasis than we have given to date to preparing the Grand Alliance for its peacetime responsibilities. Every victory that we win will enhance the necessity for ironing out inter-Allied disputes and launching the Security Council as the future balance wheel of world power. Time and events will not wait for an ideal solution. Unless the United States is prepared to act with vigor and foresight in the year beginning today, the opportunity of institutionalizing the concept of one world may again be lost to the peril of all mankind.

Perennial Victim

We hate to think it, but apparently some people are just born to be misunderstood and abused. Take for example our old friend Harry Bridges, whom, we are ashamed to say, we had almost forgotten in the more recent excitements of war and politics, until his name turned up the other day in the news after a long and curious absence. Mr. Bridges, it seems, is suing for divorce, charging his wife with cruelty.

This causes one to wonder what kind of cruelty could have provoked him to this action. For Mr. Bridges, according to his admirers, has been cruelly used for these many years—by newspapers which severely hurt his feelings by calling him a Communist, by the whilom Dies Committee which accused him of an unpatriotic desire to overthrow the Government of the United States by force and violence, and by the House of Representatives which twice passed a bill directing his deportation to Australia, and by Attorney General Biddle, who actually ordered him deported. In fact, Mr. Bridges' appeal from the order for his deportation is now before the Supreme Court. With such experiences behind him, surely Mr. Bridges is in a position to differentiate between real cruelty and mere playful mischief or high animal spirits. Or could it be, by any chance, that as the result of his unhappy experiences, he is developing delusions of persecution?

Voting Amendment

Dire predictions that men and women in our armed forces would be disfranchised on a wholesale scale by the type of legislation Congress enacted last summer have proved to be unfounded. The best estimate now obtainable is to the effect that approximately 2,800,000 men out of 7,800,000 or more in the armed forces cast ballots in the November election. In other words, about 35 per cent of our defenders participated in this great democratic function while on battlefields or in training camps away from their homes. In many respects that is a fair showing. Certainly it is much better than was expected by the groups which denounced Congress for its failure to overstep State voting and registration requirements.

We think that the States and the War Department are entitled to a good deal of credit for this achievement. At the same time, it can scarcely be accepted as wholly satisfactory. Some States, particularly those where the one-party system prevails, found it difficult to interest soldiers in voting. In many other cases where soldiers were in the actual battle lines for long periods in remote parts of the world voting was obviously impracticable. Yet there must have been many who were deprived of a voice in the selection of the President, Vice President and members of Congress because of the inadequacy of State legislation.

It is incompatible with democracy that any literate and competent citizen be deprived of the privilege of voting, particularly those who are defending their country. We suggest, therefore, that Congress take up this subject once more while there is plenty of time before the next election to enfranchise our defenders while they are in uniform and after they return to civilian life. Apparently amendment of the Constitution will be necessary because of the wide margin of discretion which that document gives to the States in saying who shall vote and who shall not. We are confident that both Congress and the States will accept such an amendment if it is found to be essential to prevent the exclusion of our defenders from the balloting booth. Would it not be wise to put the appropriate committees of the Senate and House, or preferably a joint committee, to work on this problem in the early days of the Seventy-ninth Congress?

Output And Sales

While the Federal Reserve Board's index of industrial production has been dropping from the record high levels of a year ago, its department store sales index has shown a marked rise. Although it is not possible to draw positive conclusions from the contrary behavior of these two indices, their action does confirm a conviction based on a variety of evidence that we are heading for lean times on the civilian front. We know that production of munitions has been sustained. Yet the Federal Reserve production index, which stood at 247 (base period 1935-39) in November, 1943, declined to 232 by November, 1944. This can mean only that goods intended ultimately for civilian consumption are being turned out in lesser quantity than a year ago.

Meantime the department store sales index soared from 181 per cent of the base period in November, 1943, to 210 in November, 1944. This 16 per cent increase in sales cannot be attributed to any comparable increase in prices, although everyone realizes that a great deal of money has been spent on high-priced inferior luxury articles, largely because nothing better was to be had. Measured by dollar value, indeed, department store inventories were still at high level last October, although reports from various centers indicate that many retailers have had their shelves swept bare by the Christmas buying rush. That of itself would not ordinarily be disturbing. But with inventories of many kinds of essential articles at abnormally low levels and replacements increasingly hard to get, we might as well make up our minds to doing without many things that contributed to our living standards of previous war years.

CLEARING BRUSH

Every winter with scythe and axe
I set about to clean this hillside corner,
never quite knowing why it must be done.
Brush likes the soil better than the grass.
The birds would rather have the brush.
Rabbits in winter like it for a screen.
No matter. I chop and hack it all away.
Maybe some remnant in my blood
out of the age long feud against the wild,
or something in my mind not satisfied
with nature's order, wanting to assert
supremacy in its own way.
I'll keep it clean
my little time, and when I'm gone
leave it to someone else to suit his mind
about the place. Whatever signs I leave,
here, home, or any other spot,
are little enough. A shell coiled in a rock
can last beyond my hand's work, or my mind's.
Should my successor be presumptive
let him chew my words over while he works.

FRED LAPE

Posting The Books

By J. M. Lalley

The First Draft

STEPHEN HERO, by James Joyce; edited by Theodore Spencer. (New Direction, $3.50.)

What we have here is a fragmentary text of the original and cruder version of *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*. The work called *Stephen Hero* seems to have been written soon after Joyce left Ireland and went forth "to forge in the smithy of his soul the uncreated conscience of his race." Or possibly the work was then already in process, and perhaps had even been completed, before that celebrated and self-imposed sentence of banishment. There is considerable doubt about the point, it seems; Joyce himself told a secretary, who told Professor Spencer, that is was "a schoolboy production written when he was 19 or 20," but Joyce's biographer, Mr. Herbert Gorman, suggests that it is of considerably later composition. Anyway, the story goes that after *Stephen Hero* had been rejected by nearly two dozen different publishers, Joyce, who no doubt had long since realized that it would have to be reworked in entirely, threw the manuscript in the first. His wife sought to snatch it back from the flames, but managed to retrieve only part of it, that is to say, slightly more than a third of the whole manuscript. About a decade ago, when Joyce's fame and influence were at their apogee, this remnant was offered for sale by Miss Sylvia Beach of Paris, who had herself obtained some reflected celebrity as the original publisher of *Ulysses*; it was presently purchased for the College Library of Harvard University. This, and the fact that Professor Spencer has undertaken not only to edit it carefully for publication, but also to write an intelligent and sympathetic analytical essay about it, is an interesting testimony to the radical shifting of literary hierarchies which has occurred since the beginning of the century.

And yet, assuming the lost sections of the manuscript were of even quality with the part preserved, and supposing that it were offered under a name as little known to the world as was James Joyce 40 years ago, I think it would as almost certainly be refused by almost any contemporary commercial publisher, even among those known to be hospitable to the productions of literary *avant garde*. Perhaps one of them might have been gracious enough to soften the rejection by saying that the work showed promise, and that the author had exhibited a rather unusual gift of language. But I think the publisher or editor would also tactfully suggest that the author work out a technique of his own rather than attempt to imitate the earlier manner of James Joyce. In short, I believe any experienced reader would recognize *Stephen Hero* for what it actually is, namely, the effort of an intelligent and possibly talented, but still very callow, adolescent to impart some sort of universal importance to his if it is fair to infer the whole of own small and narrow experience. And it is fair to infer the whole of *Stephen Hero* from this fragment, the book could not be considered a work of art; nor, even by the contemporary standards which Joyce's subsequent work has so greatly influenced, could it be considered a passably good novel. Thus the interest lies wholly in what it tells us about Joyce himself and in such insight into the development of his genius as is to be gained from a comparison of this text with the corresponding portions of *A Portrait of the Artist*.

The first and most illuminating contrast is that while *Stephen Hero* is almost nakedly autobiographical, *A Portrait of the Artist* is now seen not to be so. In this earlier version Joyce is relating with a show of objectivity and with an amazing plenitude of detail the story of his now famous but then rather vain and silly revolt against Irish puritanism, Irish nationalism and Irish philistinism that led him to forswear his religion and to forsake his country. In the analagous passages of *A Portrait of the Artist* Joyce is reviewing this revolt with the eyes of his maturer talent and in the interest of form and effect rather than of accuracy. The channel of narration has been shifted from objective to subjective, so that now the other characters exist only to the extent and degree that they touch the consciousness of Stephen Dedalus; thus the egocentricity common to both works, which appears jejune and pathetic in *Stephen Hero* is made to seem normal and congruous in *A Portrait of the Artist*. In other words Joyce has found the way to make artistic capital of his instinctive solipsism. But where *Stephen Hero* is an *experience*, literally transcribed, *A Portrait of the Artist* is a *reexperience*, a "remembrance of things past," in which, however, the present, (or what was present at the time of writing) is inevitably and extricably intermingled. Thus I should say that that *Stephen Hero*, with all its irrelevancies, is much more nearly a "stream of consciousness," than the more refined and selective **Portrait**.

This book is also of great value to critics and students for its rather complete statement of Joyce's famous theory of art as an "epiphany." Here of course he takes the word at its etymological value of "manifestation." "By an epiphany he meant a sudden spiritual manifestation, whether in the vulgarity of speech or of gesture or in a memorable phase of the mind itself. He believed that it was for the man of letters to record these epiphanies with extreme care, seeing that they are the most delicate and evanescent of moments." In other words, it is the essence or quiddity that the artist should seek to abstract, or pull away, from the phenomena of consciousness. This theory, says Professor Spencer, "helps us to understand what kind of writer Joyce is," and he suggests that the whole of Joyce's work, such as it is, may be interpreted as "illustrations, intensifications and enlargements" of this theory. But of this I am not at all persuaded. I would agree that *Dubliners* at least "is a series of epiphanies describing apparently trivial but actually crucial and revealing moments in the lives of different characters"; but it seems to me that Joyce, whether he was aware of it or not, later abandoned his "epiphanies" for a method that was certainly not abstract and static, but so highly fluid that it could, I think, be more accurately interpreted in terms of the Bergsonian "duration." I wish I had space to argue this point, but as I see I have not, I must leave you to decide for yourself.

Washington Calling

By Marquis Childs

World Of Tomorrow

JUST AS the final phase of World War I was in a sense a rehearsal for World War II, so the present stage of this greater conflict exhibits, in crude and beginning form, the weapons of the future.

We've heard a lot about the robot bombs and their potentialities but now comes an airman who has lived the development of aviation to speak with authority. Canada's Air Marshal William A. Bishop has written a book called "Winged Peace" that is a prophetic text for the year just begun.

It isn't a theorist who is speaking. It isn't a gloomy "intellectual." It is the man who was the ace of aces in the last war, with 72 German planes to his credit.

Billy Bishop's warning is addressed to every human being on this globe. He says that, if we don't get together to control the air cooperatively, this weary civilization of ours will finally be destroyed. And he makes a case that to me is convincing beyond any doubt.

"The air is global," Bishop writes, "and the operator of tomorrow in the global air must be a global operator. No words can be minced about it. The air world must be world-controlled."

TO PUT it the other way. If the old nationalism prevails, then the doom of our world is certain. Man's thinking, as Bishop makes clear, never catches up with man's inventiveness. It's always about two laps behind, and that was never more true than it is today, according to this air leader in two wars.

The stratosphere plane is not something for the distant improbable future. Three hours from New York or Montreal to London is not something dreamed up by H. G. Wells. It will happen in . . . five years, ten years. The point is that we now have the techniques to make it possible and therefore it is only a question of how soon it will be worked out.

If passengers can travel safely by jet-rocket propulsion into the stratosphere and down again in sealed cabins, it will obviously be simple to send pilotless bombs three or four thousand miles directly to a target by radio controls.

"Can you visualize tremendous armadas of aircraft which themselves may be projectiles launched from the ground by rocket propulsion, and more rocket impulses, their whole course of flight directed by the press of a button on the ground?" Bishop asks.

He wrote that only two months before the date—June 16, 1944—on which the Germans launched just such an attack for the first time in the history of warfare. That's a good illustration of how imagination lags behind reality.

AT LEAST a half dozen times in his brief book, Air Marshal Bishop says there is no halfway compromise. Either the air and the industry manufacturing for the air must be controlled internationally or inevitably the new and terrible weapons of destruction will be put to the old uses of nationalism, and that means finis. As Billy Bishop says, it's winged peace or winged death.

Looking around, you don't see much chance of such international control. Out at the civil air conference in Chicago, the nations jockeyed for preference and position in exactly the same old way, just as though nothing had happened in the world.

I wish Bishop's book could be read by millions. Perhaps people would listen to a practical airman. The trade edition costs $2.75, which puts it out of the reach of most readers. It ought to be brought out in a 25-cent edition. It ought to be syndicated in the newspapers.

This should have been a New Year's Day column about hope dawning for the future. But perhaps we've had too much of that. Isn't it time to look at the reality Air Marshal Bishop is talking about?

Letters To The Editor

Communications must carry writer's name and address, though pen names are permitted at the editor's discretion. Letters should be held to not more than 200 words. They are subject to condensation.

Nurse Shortage

The desperate need of the Army for nurses was brilliantly set down by Walter Lippmann recently in his article in The Washington Post. This nurse shortage has now been outlined by highest Army officials by press and radio. Recruiting drives are under way in many places and funds to finance training programs have been made available by Congress. Allied military reverses on the Western Front have made a desperate need still more desperate.

Despite all this, only 300 colored graduate nurses have been accepted by the Army out of the more than 9000 available.

Though the Government has stated that it will draft nurses into military service, it has told colored nurses who volunteered for duty that they weren't wanted.

Colored nurses, the handful accepted, were jim-crowed, attached to Army hospitals treating Negroes only, and their officer status not respected.

Only at Fort Bragg, N. C., and Camp Livingston, La., has this disgraceful pattern not been followed, and colored nurses are working side by side with white nurses treating colored and white patients without this discrimination.

Here in Washington the Federal Government is employing some 700 colored men and women at St. Elizabeths Hospital, the world's largest, as attendants and practical nurses.

They are doing a magnificent job. The hospital could not possibly carry out its staggering job without them. They represent nearly half the working force.

There have been absolutely no race incidents. There is, indeed, the finest imaginable spirit and cooperative relationship between the white and colored employes.

The employes union, Lodge 90, American Federation of Government Employes, has pioneered in bringing the Negro employes into the union and in bringing the American spirit into a field so sorely needing it.

Isn't it about time the Army and the Navy (which still bars Negro nurses) got over its blind prejudice and solved their nursing problem as Americans?

A three-alarm fire is raging, but the Army persists in sending in alarms instead of getting on the fire truck and driving it to the scene of the conflagration.

SOUTH CAROLINIAN.
Washington, Dec. 27.

"Procrustean Relief"

Allow me to throw more light on the subject so ably dealt with in your editorial "Procrustean Relief."

First of all I have to point out that the official figures are misleading, as the 10 per cent cut to be made during the remaining six months of the financial year has been distributed over the whole year and therefore made to appear only half of what it actually is. Thus taking old-age assistance as an example, the average monthly grant will be reduced from $32.50 not to $30.87 as stated but to $29.25. It must be added that District appropriations will not profit by the full cut of $3.25 but only by half the amount, the other half being a loss in the contribution of the Federal Government, which matches dollar for dollar old-age assistance grants, pensions for the blind and aid to dependent children in accordance with the provisions of the Social Security Act. Only general relief is paid entirely from District appropriations.

Expenditure for public assistance is very low in the District. Confining my remarks for brevity's sake to old-age assistance, this is already apparent by a comparison with the average grants of some States, but is still more striking when the number of recipients is taken into consideration. In a tabulation of the number of recipients per 1000 population 65 years and over, the District is at the bottom of the list with a rate of 59, the rate for the United States as a whole being 210. Oklahoma heads the list with a rate of 496. This comparatively poor State therefore pays 8.4 times tis average of $26.49 or $222.52 for every $29.25 payable by the District under the cut.

The comparative figure for Colorado with an average of $41.24 and a rate of 416 is $290.74. For further comparison I give the average grant of some other States followed by the rates

Montana, $29.31 (271); North Dakota, $30.67 (221); Idaho, $30.52 (283); Illinois, $30.99 (202); Rhode Island, $31.87 (120); Wyoming, $32.15 (242); New Mexico, $32.22 (215); Alaska, $32.33 (353) New York, $33.06 (105); Connecticut, $34.01 (161); Oregon, $34.11 (177); Utah, $36.86 (377); Washington, $37.47 (353); Nevada, $38.14 (228); Arizona, $38.44 (353); Massachusetts, $44.04 (193); California, $47.23 (237).

It will be seen that in every case the average payment is higher than in the District under the cut, and has to be multiplied many times by the far higher rate. In order to appreciate these facts at their true value, it should be remembered that the averages are calculated for the whole of the State, including small towns and country districts, while the District is an urban community with high rent, sharing with New York City the unenviable record of having the highest cost of living in the country.

FREDERIC F. WOLTER.
Washington, Dec. 28.

The Treaty Amendment

By Mark Sullivan

An Aid to Peace

DURING EARLY December, two proposals had strong headway in Washington. One was the Dumbarton Oaks plan for an international organization to prevent future war. Accessory to this was a proposal that adoption of the Dumbarton Oaks plan be facilitated by an amendment to the Constitution, so that it, and other treaties, may be ratified by a simple majority vote of both branches of Congress, instead of by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

About both proposals, a momentary chill fell on Washington during late December. It came from the news that Britain and Russia apparently do not feel bound by the Atlantic Charter; that the status of small nations, such as Poland, is to be determined, not by the Charter principle of self-determination, but by the interests of large nations. The Atlantic Charter was and is cherished in America. The blow to its sanctity led to momentary dismay about the Dumbarton Oaks plan for international organization to prevent future war.

WITH TIME, however, came realization that whatever the obstacles, an international organization to prevent war must be achieved. This conviction, strongly held, constitutes the present stage of Washington thought. With revival of determination about this, came new vitality for the vitality for the movement to amend the Constitution. Advocates of it can again hope to get the necessary action by Congress early enough to submit the amendment to the 45 State legislatures which will sit during the winter.

The proposed amendment would put ratification of a treaty on the same basis as passage of any ordinary statute—both to be done by simple majority of the two houses. This raises the question, whether there is, between a treaty and an ordinary statute, any distinction which would justify preserving the two-thirds rule for the former.

There is a strong distinction. It lies in the vital fact that a treaty is a contract, with other nations. To repeal a treaty is to break or terminate a contract. This gives a treaty a special sanctity, superior to that of an ordinary domestic statue.

ALLUDING to this distinction, this column sometime ago made a mistake in saying that "a treaty, once entered into, cannot be repealed at will, as an ordinary statute can; a treaty is superior to laws of Congress." This statement was wrong. Authorities on the Constitution are clear that Congress can repeal a treaty.

Yet correction of this error may lead to an impression so misleading as the error itself. Congress has power to repeal a treaty directly, or render it inoperative. But as constitutional authorities point out, Congress, in exercising some of its powers, is under a moral obligation. It is tenable to say that Congress is under a moral obligation to be more hesitant about repealing a treaty, which is a contract, than about repealing an ordinary domestic statute.

During this Congress, we are likely to enter into an international agreement to prevent future war. By its nature, such an agreement contemplates operation for a long period of time. Can we say that the next Congress, or any future one, is under no greater obligation to refrain from repealing this agreement than in the case of an ordinary statute? If we can this, other nations would feel reluctant to depend on the permanence of the agreement; the very purpose of the agreement would be impaired.

The question whether a treaty may be superior even to the Constitution will come up in the approaching debate about the international agreement to prevent war. In discussions of this agreement it is suggested that the international organization, or an agency within it, shall have authority to summon the armed forces of the United States (and of other nations) to put down aggression. Putting down aggression is difficult to distinguish from making war. But the Constitution vests the power to declare war in Congress. It is a fine-spun point and it presents a real difficulty.

Cause Of Fires

I wish to call attention to the suppression of the truth concerning one of the most disastrous of local evils—the careless use of cigarettes. Why has not our daily press said something in the face of the fires in our Capital City, and elsewhere, which have burned to death innocent persons as though they were firewood? Is nothing to be done to stop the frantic and thoughtless craze of the cigarette smoker who starts fires in apartment houses, stores and public buildings which house hundreds of Government workers? If the Library of Congress can and does absolutely forbid smoking in that beautiful structure, and if employes cheerfully live and thrive under such protective prohibition, can not the same good sense be exercised for the protection of citizens in similar buildings?

J. O. KNOTT.
Washington, Dec. 26.

The British Retort

By Ernest Lindley

Will It Revive Isolationism?

THE LONDON ECONOMIST, a serious and hitherto respected journal, has published a harsh, sneering editorial on the United States. A number of other British journals have blossomed out with Americanophobic comments. Raymond Danjell, London correspondent of the New York Times, reports that personal "contacts between Britons and Americans have become as touchy as the relations on an official level."

LINDLEY

This is the backwash from the recent wave of American criticism of British policy in Greece and Italy and with respect to Poland. But the backwash seems to be higher, or at least rougher, than the original wave, at least in the case of the Economist, which suddenly—if temporarily—converts itself into a British counterpart of the Chicago Tribune.

The Economist calls for an end to Prime Minister Churchill's "policy of appeasement of the United States" and, in effect, urges closer collaboration with Russia instead of reliance on the United States.

THERE WAS PROVOCATION for these British outbursts. Some of it was official. More of it was in the form of press comment. But, at the same time, many editorial writers and commentators tried to explain sympathetically the British position. And when the German offensive came, criticism quieted down. The feeling seemed to spread quickly and pretty widely that this was a poor time to engage in quarrels, or even in public arguments, with our Allies.

But the Economist's leading articles and the undercurrents reported by American correspondents in London indicate that behind these sharp responses there was a good deal of long-pent-up resentment. Mr. Daniell describes the British press and people as "hurt and sulky." And he notes also that they are "hypersensitive over the disparity in size between themselves and their allies"—a mental condition which many Washington observers also have noted and which explains much that is otherwise mysterious about British foreign policy. To these factors should be added, probably, war fatigue.

It may do the British some good to let off steam. Like us, they are especially sensitive to criticisms which impugn their good faith or imply that they are morally inferior. But the counter-blast was unfortunate because it was belated and also because it comes just before the new Congress convenes.

WITH THE OLD CONGRESS passed a considerable number of the old isolationists. Their places have been taken by men committed to international collaboration to enforce a long peace. And many Senators and Representatives who were reelected have shifted ground, or at least their public commitments, on foreign policy since 1942 and 1940. Voters who regarded the organization of the peace as the foremost issue held the balance of power in many States. More than any other issue this appeared to be decisive in the senatorial elections and in many of the House contests.

Among those who advocate international collaboration to preserve peace there are undoubtedly some perfectionists who may revert to isolationism if the peace does not fit exactly the diagram which they prefer. But the driving force behind the advance toward an "internationalist" outlook in the United States has not been altruism, a yearning to reform and uplift the world, or deep-seated affection for our Allies. It has been the realization that isolation means insecurity.

However, the need of the United States for security through international organization is obviously not greater than that of other nations. It is probably less than that of any other nation—certainly less than Britain's. If there is bargaining value for anyone in the threat to withdraw or to seek special arrangements or alliances rather than general world security, the United States has more of it than any other nation.

AS THINGS STAND now, no nation can be sure that a world security organization will really work. For a long time to come, no nation with available alternatives will put all of its security into the basket of a world organization. But the threat to run away, voiced by the Economist, is badly timed as well as ill-tempered. And if it reflects a real trend in British opinion, it introduces more uncertainty into a picture which already has too many uncertainties and will contribute to the hesitation of Americans who want a firmly organized peace but are doubtful about the steadfastness of purpose of their Allies.

Off the Record

By Ed Reed

"Oh shucks! How did you ever recognize me?"

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE Military Affairs Committee returned from Europe with no overconfidence about the war—no feeling that Government warnings of "plenty of war yet to come" are merely the mouthings of bureaucracy.

One observation the solons made is that while the French army is equipped from lend-lease goods, few Frenchmen realize that their army is using American equipment. The story has not been put across by our propaganda service, and most Frenchmen believe the British equipped the French army. British publications and the British radio have made no attempt to counteract that impression.

Representative Paul Shafer of Michigan was critical of OWI and the propaganda job done for America in France and Italy. The British are doing far better, he said, especially by radio. So far as the troops are concerned, Americans are getting their news just about six weeks behind the times.

The day he left, reported the Michigan Republican, preelection copies of Time and Newsweek had just arrived. "Radio news broadcasts for our troops are so inadequate that they rely mainly upon BBC (British Broadcasting Co.)," said Shafer. "BBC puts out much more news, but plenty of British propaganda with it."

Shafer said the G. I.'s are especially angry because of the constant diet of jazz records and comedians which they get over their radio. "They tell me they don't want the folks at home to think they're dancing through the war," he explained, "because they're not doing any such thing."

Little Flower Fumes

ONE OF THE HOTTEST feuds outside of Washington is now raging between OPA Administrator Dan Woolley and New York's Mayor LaGuardia. Before becoming New York's OPA chief, Woolley was LaGuardia's commissioner of markets, but was forced out last year after a sulphuric battle with the Little Flower.

While LaGuardia is blaming OPA for New York's difficulties in meat supply and at the same time telling reporters that he can't blame the New York retailers who join the meat strike, he himself is enforcing OPA regulations in New York with a strictness that has OPA officials shuddering. Howling about OPA on the one hand, LaGuardia is sending city investigators around to grocery stores and hauling retailers in by the hundreds for petty violations. A total of 900 had to appear in a single day's court session last week.

Dan Woolley has LaGuardia's objective all doped out. He has told New York reporters that what the Little Flower really wants is to become national OPA administrator.

And last Thursday, in a press conference at city hall, LaGuardia told reporters that what Woolley really wants is to be Mayor of New York. Both may be right.

Wartime Washington

WAR IS NO RESPECTER of official comfort, even of Washington Cabinet members. Attorney General Francis Biddle rented a house recently, had trouble with it from the first day. Biddle found that the roof leaked, had plumbing difficulties, couldn't get adequate repairs from his landlord, finally had to buy the house, then learned that his landlord had been anti-New Deal commentator Fulton Lewis, jr.

Secretary Morgenthau is also having housing troubles, has been searching frantically for a new home for the last two months, still hasn't found one.

Note—Washington bigwigs also have the same transportation troubles the average citizen suffers. OWI Director Elmer Davis stood on a street corner for half an hour the other morning trying to hail a cab, finally got a hitch from one of his employes who happened to drive by.

Capital Chaff

THE ARMY IS PRINTING new currency for U. S. troops in France to provide a more equitable rate of exchange. Prices have been exorbitant for our troops, largely because the artificial exchange rate was pegged at a relatively high level as an aid to French recovery . . . General Eisenhower has urged his men to send as much money back home as possible. As a result, between 85 and 90 per cent of all GI pay is now coming back to the USA. . . . Representative Paul Shafer, himself an amateur magician of some skill, demonstrated a rope trick at the Royal Palace in Rome, with Prince Humberto as his stooge. He nearly stopped the show when he told the prince to say the magic word. Instead of specifying "Abracadabra," Shafer told him to say "Addis Ababa," which happens to be the capital of Ethiopia, which Mussolini once conquered. The prince flushed, finally whispered "Addis Ababa" . . . formation of a special House committee to watch over surplus property disposal is being discussed by several members who are dissatisfied both with the law and with the administrators chosen . . . None of the women members of the new Congress managed to emulate Clare Luce's stunt of getting an office in the New House Office Building. Mrs. Luce remains the only freshman member to be assigned to the new building—although Matt Neely of West Virginia, a former Senator from that State, will also go into the new building. Only other newcomer to be assigned to the new building is Herman Kopplemann of Hartford, Conn., who has served four terms in the House in the last 12 years . . . California Democrats are lining up behind two House members as outstanding contenders for the senatorial nomination in 1946—Congressmen George Outland and Cecil King. The latter is the protege of Democratic National Committee Secretary Ed Pauley.

Ruth H. Simms, GOP Leader, Dies in Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 31 (U.P.).—Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick Simms, 64, daughter of the late Senator Mark A. Hanna of Ohio, and a power in Republican politics in her own right, died at 11:50 a. m. today in Billings Memorial Hospital.

Hospital officials said she had slept quietly through the night and died without awakening. She had been critically ill since December 4, when she entered the hospital to undergo an operation for acute pancreatitis.

Her husband, Albert G. Simms, former Congressman from New Mexico, an dtwo daughters, Mrs. Cortlandt Barnes, New York, and Mrs. Peter Miller, Chicago, were at the bedside when she died.

Mrs. Simms was at the time of her death Republican National Committeewoman from New Mexico.

Aided Husband's Campaign

She became a prominent personality in National politics shortly after her marriage in 1903 to the late Senator Medill McCormick, former publisher of the Chicago Tribune. She supported him in his Senate campaign and in 1924 became the first woman to serve on the Republican National Committee.

After McCormick's death the following year, she stumped every county in the State to win election as congresswoman-at-large from Illinois. In 1930 she became the first woman to be nominated for the Senate by a major party, and won over Republican incumbent Charles S. Deneen, who had defeated her husband in 1924. However, she lost to Democrat James Hamilton Lewis in the general election.

Met Simms in 1932

She met Simms in the House of Representatives, where he was a New Mexico congressman, and married him in 1932.

Mrs. Simms never again held public office but retained an active interest in politics, supporting Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in the 1944 campaign.

Her interests included a farm at Byron, Ill., where she specialized in the development of pure-bred Holstein cattle. She held membership in the American Livestock Association, The Business and Professional Women's Club and The American Association for Labor Legislation.

Aided District Church

Mrs. Simms lived at 1224 13th st. nw., for several years including the time she spent in the House of Representatives. She was prominent in Washington society, and her daughter, Katrina, made her debut here.

She was a member of the board of trustees of the National Presbyterian Church, Inc., the corporation set up by the Presbyterian Church of the United States. While the Rev. Charles Wood was minister of the Church of the Covenant, Connecticut ave. and N st. nw., Mrs. Simms in 1930 made a donation of $50,000 toward the purchase of a site for the proposed National Presbyterian Church, as well as other gifts totaling about $100,000.

This sit was the area now occupied by the Shoreham Hotel, on Calvert st. at Connecticut ave. Subsequently this project was abandoned.

Former Member Of House Dead

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RUTH HANNA McCORMICK SIMMS,
one Representative-at-large from Illinois, who died yesterday.

Ships Service Club At Norfolk Yard Consumed by Fire

Portsmouth, Va., Dec. 31 (AP).—Fire destroyed the ship service and recreation building at Norfolk Navy Yard here early today, causing a loss etimated by the yard's public relations office at approximately $200,000.

The one-story building, which was about 180 by 125 feet in dimensions, was located in the Barracks A section at the extreme southwestern end of the yard. The fire, originn of which had not been determined, broke out in the structure about 5:30 a. m.

Navy Yard firemen confined the blaze to the one building, which houses the ship service store (similar to an Army post exchange). There was no one in it as the time.

Parents Hear Son Is Missing in Action

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 31.—Pfc. Frank P. Morgan, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Morgan of 400 Princess Anne st., has been missing in action in France since December 12, the War Department has notified his parents. Morgan has been over seas 19 months, serving in North Africa, Sicily and Italy before going to France.

Bars Let Down On Middle East Import Control

The State Department yesterday withdrew import controls for the Middle East on virtually all supplies except those which require large amounts of shipping tonnage, such as cereals and fertilizers, and "a comparatively short list of commodities still in world short supply."

The new plan is the first step in the gradual freeing of trade from wartime restrictions and an attempt to return to normal trade policies. The lack of shipping, however, will prevent any effective change soon, although Middle East countries in the future will determine what they will import with the small amount of shipping available to them.

The announcement was made simultaneously here and in London and Cairo. The new order is effective today and was issued by the Foreign Economic Administration and the British Supply Council as well as the State Department.

"The most important feature of the changes which have been made is that over a wide range of items the Middle East supply center control over import will cease," the announcement said. "It will be for the Middle East countries to make their own arrangements with exporting countries for supply of these goods subject only to (certain) limitatoins. . . ."

The department pointed out that the shipping situation still is so acute as to limit total tonnaage available for the Middle East.

"It has," it said, "therefore, been decided:

"(a)—That Middle East requirements of commodities such as cereals and fertilizers, the movement of which makes heavy calls on shipping, will continue to be estimated and sponsored by Middle East supply center.

"(b)—That import licenses for a comparatively short list of commodities and products still in world short supply (for example, trucks, tires and textiles) will still require the Middle East supply center approval, which will, where possible, be delegated to local Middle East supply center representatives.

"(c)—That for all other items the Middle East supply center control will be withdrawn."

Hagerstown Marriages Drop to 2071 in 1944

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 31 (AP).—Marriages dropped from a total in 1943 of 2203 to a total of 2071 in Hagerstown this year, while 303 divorce suits were filed, in comparison with 305 last year, records of the clerk of courts showed today.

Since Pearl Harbor divorce suits filed in the local courts have almost doubled, while marriages have shown a steady decline, the records showed.

Foreign Policy Clarification On 'Hill' Slate

Members of the Seventy-ninth Congress served notice last night that they will seek thorough Congressional inspection of the Nation's foreign policy and a definitive stand on the European political turmoil.

Senator Alexander Wiley (R., Wis.), said that soon after Congress convenes, he will introduce a resolution calling on Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, jr., to give the Senate full information on foreign policy and on all aspects of the political muddle.

"Such a meeting is indispensable not only for close harmony between the State Department and the Senate but for joint fulfillment of our obligations to the American people whose sons are engaged in the holocaust of war," he said in a statement.

To Ask Approval of Pledge

Representative Jerry Voorhis (D., Calif.), said that on Wednesday, first day of the new session, he will offer a resolution asking House approbation of Stettinius' pledge to grant liberated nations free choice of government and containing a Congressional declaration of that policy.

"America is fighting to get a peace which can endure," he said. "To expect such a peace to be based upon power politics or dictation by powerful nations to weaker ones cannot form the basis for such a peace."

Key to increased Congressional interest in foreign affairs is a resolution to be introduced by Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D., Mont.), who before the war was one of the most fervid isolationists in Congress.

Te resolution asks immediate appointment of a United Nations political council and other steps designed to insure a lasting peace.

Lauded by Voorhis

Stettinius' pledge that liberated lands may choose their own governments was lauded by Voorhis, who said that it "expressed the will of practically every person in the United States, including the men and women in the armed forces."

Congress should support it without qualification, he added, "so that other natoins may know that America is united in its determination that a peace based upon justice and true self-determination of peoples should result from the war.

"The whole tradition of our country is one of working for the freedom of all peoples. And the time certainly has come for us to make it clear to every nation in the world that America's aims in this war are no different from what they have been in the past."

WPB, Labor Promise Better Effort in '45

The War Production Board said yesterday one of the most notable features of this country's war effort is the way in which free labor has been able to meet every demand.

"Despite all the difficulties and handicaps that American workers have had to face," the WPB said in a year-end statement, "they have made the grade in every instance up to now.

"We know that labor is going to keep up the good record."

Both the American Federation of Labor and the CIO echoed those words, in statement:

Said William Green, AFL president

"Labor issued this New Year warning to the enemy—that in the months ahead the soldiers of production will back up the fighting forces of the United Nations with the greatest output of planes, tanks, guns and ships in history."

Asserted Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organization:

"To make 1945 our victory year, America will redouble its productive efforts. It will not be lulled into complacency by false optimism nor tolerate any lag in war production while American soldiers still depend for their lives on the output of American industry. It must and will adhere faithfully to its no-strike pledge until the German and Japanese military forces are completely destroyed."

War manpower Chairman Paul V. McNutt said in a statement:

"Management and labor have already proved that a democratic Nation could outproduce both the Mikado's fanatic-manned factories and Hitler's factories manned by German robot-workers and all of Europe's slaves.

"Let us now resolve to outproduce—not the Berlins and Yokohamas, for we have already done that—but to outproduce ourselves, to outproduce the America of 1943 and 1944 in this coming year, 1945."

Hampden-Sydney Alumni Fund Hits $28,908 in 1944

Hampden-Sydney, Va., Dec. 31 (AP).—The preliminary report on Hampden-Sydney College's 1944 alumni fund drive shows 757 persons contributing $27,908, an average of nearly $37 per contributor. Of the contributions, $24,522 was in cash and the remainder in pledges.

The funds, which are obtained in campaigns each fall, are used by the college as "living endowment" or for purposes specified by the contributors.

The preliminary report, which gave the status of the fund as of December 7, showed 21 per cent of the 3604 alumni who had been solicited, had contributed.

Top Officials Map Aims for Allied Unity

By John M. Hightower
Associated Press Staff Writer

Strenuous efforts to achieve Allied diplomatic unity in the closing months of the war are being charted at the White House and State Department.

The first half of the New Year is regarded as probably the most critical period of the war in this respect. It is expected to be a time of great decision fixing the pattern of international affairs—for peaceful cooperation or strife and conflict—for generations to come.

President Roosevelt will have opportunity to outline the course of action he and Secretary of State Stettinius are developing in his message to the new Congress probably late this week. Officials look to the message for the most comprehensive statement of American foreign policy in almost a year.

Due to Reflect Modifications

It is considered certain to reflect any modifications made to meet developments in Soviet-Anglo-American relations since former Secretary Hull's foreign policy speech last April. It also may give some clews as to the President's hopes for an early meeting with Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill.

That meeting, now tentatively expected in February soon after Mr. Roosevelt's fourth term inauguration January 20, is easily the most important of various international gatherings projected for the first half of the new year.

Others include a conference of American foreign ministers, probably at Mexico City in February or early March, and a United Nations meeting also in early spring, to consider establishing the Dumbarton Oaks organization for world security.

Test of Leadership Seen

President Roosevelt's leadership toward a peaceful and secure postwar world, which rose to a high peak both at home and abroad when he was reelected for a fourth term two months ago, will be put to the test in all these international gatherings as well as in the new Congress.

His greatest task, according to diplomatic authorities here, will be to gain broad compromises between the ideals and interests of the United States and those of Britain and Russia, which will be acceptable in this country. In accomplishing this task, it is said, lies his best hope of winning Senate approval of full United States participation in the projected world organization.

The nearer Allied armies close in on Germany and the more European countries are liberated, the more numerous will become the problems requiring settlement.

France's Needs Mounting

Even in those countries liberated during 1944 there remain explosive conditions. For instance, France, according to information in official quarters here, will soon need huge quantities of raw materials to keep her factories going and employment high.

Allied shipping is so tight as to furnish little prospect of meeting the need there and in other freed countries, although if it is not met unrest is almost certain to follow.

Announced United States policy for liberated Europe is to let the people work out their own political destinies, even though in some instances it may mean at the outset control by leftist or Communist minorities. Announced British policy is to intervene in the interest of maintaining British-recognized authorities where necessary.

The Russians have not disguished their intention of bordering their frontiers with friendly governments and of compelling whatever territorial changes they considered justified historically or for their own security.

Henderson in Paris

Paris, Dec. 31 (AP).—Leon Henderson arrived here today, reportedly to make a survey of the condition and possible dispositions of German industry in the postwar period. He also will study the present State of French industry and it possible contribution to the Allied war effort.

Assessor-Elect Names Deputies At Martinsburg

Martinsburg, W. Va., Dec. 31.—Assessor-elect Harwood Burkhart, who takes over his official duties tomorrow, today announced his deputies for the coming year, starting his four-year term, as follows:

A. H. Stuckey, who has held a similar post for 12 years, Gerardstown and Hedgesville districts; Boyd McWilliams, previously serving 11 years, Opequon and Falling Waters districts; Ernest H. Tabb, retiring as deputy-sheriff-jailor, Arden district; E. Buff Kettering, retired wholesaler, Martinsburg district (work formerly done by Burkhart himself who has been deputy assessor).

The new office deputy is Mrs. Audrey Callahan, whose husband, Earl J. Callahan, is with the Seabees in the Pacific.

Fredericksburg Yank Wounded in Germany

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 31.—Pfc. Wilbur G. Weedon has been slightly wounded in action in Germany, his wife here has been notified by the War Department. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Weedon of Spotsylvania County.

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This Morning

—With Shirley Povich

Maybe Lou Boudreau, not Hal Newhouser, who got the vote, was the American League's most valuable player last season. The official figures for the 1944 season released during the past week, build up a powerful case for the young manager of the Cleveland week.

POVICH

Newhouser had a brilliant season. He won 29 games and lost only 9, and he almost pitched Detroit to the pennant, but Newhouser was in the line-up only twice a week, on an average. Boudreau was playing every day for the Indians, and playing not only exceedingly well but better than that, as the figures tell the story.

Apparently Boudreau wasn't burdened much by his managerial responsibilities. One of the things he succeeded in doing was leading the league in hitting with a .327 average. Another thing he did was to set a new fielding record for American League shortstops with an average of .978, the best mark in 44 years. He also set a new record by figuring in 134 double plays for the year.

Boudreau has become a considerable guy ever since the four years ago, when Alva Bradley hauled Manager Roger Peckinpaugh upstairs into the front office, made him general manager, and turned the playing manager's job over to young Boudreau. It was a happy idea by Bradley despite the fact that Boudreau has won no pennants for the Indians.

At Cleveland, Boudreau stepped into the job that Oscar Vitt and Indian managers before him couldn't tcontrol, what with player rebellions and internal strife plagueing the outfit. Boudreau brought order to the situation, marred only by his troubles with Pitcher Jim Bagby, a character who had been at odds with Joe Cronin at Boston earlier in his career.

Late last season, even before Boudreau's contract expired, Bradley presented him with a new one. The Cleveland owner didn't hold Boudreau to account for the Indians' failure to finish in the first division. Without Boudreau, the Indians would have finished eighth. His play stood between the Indians and the cellar.

Boudreau was something of a headline figure even before he joined the Cleveland club. The University of Illinois ruled him ineligible to play varsity ball in his final year because his mother was receiving $100 a month from the Indians on condition that he sign a contract with Cleveland at the end of his college career.

In Big Ten athletics, where he starred in basketball as well as football, Boudreau was recognized as managerial timber of some sort. At Illinois, he made the basketball and baseball teams as a sophomore, and he virtually took charge of the veterans on the clubs. Boudreau's leadership was apparent. His coaches recognized it quickly, and willingly let him call the plays.

He was a second baseman, the Indians thought, when they sent him to Buffalo for seasoning, but when they needed a shortstop, Steve O'Neill sent Boudreau to Cleveland with the notation that he could play short as well. He's been the Indian's regular shortstop ever since, and perhaps the best in the American League.

Strangely, Boudreau covers more ground than any other shortstop in the league, but he isn't fast on his feet. Despite his youth, he's a slow base runner. Years of pounding his feet on hard basketball floors slowed him up. But he compensates himself by anticipating the play and getting a jump on the ball. He has small hands, too, but that doesn't matter either.

Bucky Harris, disgusted a couple of seasons ago with the way Boudrtau was hitting the Washington pitching, told his pitchers that the next man who threw a curve to Boudreau would be fined. He was known as a curve ball hitter. But he saw so many fast balls he began to hit speed, too. And now they're back to curving him without much luck.

The fellow has one weakness, though. It's for those pinball machines. He's a sucker for 'em. In fact Boudreau owns the gaudiest pinball contraptions manufactured. They're in his recreation room. He's still trying to beat 'em.

On the Line

—With CONSIDINE

New York, Dec. 31.—With racing on the blink, and a shadow across the whole United States sports picture the bowl games become more of a mockery than ever before. And that's a new intersectional record for mockery.

CONSIDINE

About a quarter of a million sports fans will crowd into hte rose, Sugar, Cotton, Orange and other bowls this time. They will plunk about $750,000 down on the line, and if $50,000 of that sum gets into the hands of sweet charity, the lady will be lucky.

All of those fans would have bought a $25 bond for the right to see a game, and that would have sent $6,250,000 into the Treasury. Big firms would have been glad to invest more of their profits in big bonds, upping the total to staggering sums.

One bond-selling baseball game, played in New York during the summer of 1943, and staged by Bill Corum and the New York Journal American, raised nearly a billion—yeah, a billion—dollars in bond sales.

What, then, could the bowl promoters have done in the way of bond sales? It is not wild to say that they could have raised a couple of billion dollars, enough money to fill the skies over Tokyo with B-29's, enough to grind the Siegfried Line into cake flour.

Instead, they will present a picture of otherwise dignified colleges snapping at sacks of money like a bone tossed into a dog pound. Tennessee and Southern California each will drag nearly $100,000 away from the Rose Bowl; Alabama and Duke will take perhaps $70,000 apiece out of the Sugar Bowl. And so on down the line, exceptin, as usual, the Shriners' East-West game in San Francisco and a couple of obscure bowl games.

It isn't a pretty, or sensible, picture in these days. The colleges may play cute to the newspapermen and say, in advance, that they are solemnly weighing this or that offer from a bowl committee, but the truth of the matter is that many college teams point all season toward such a bid.

They lobby for it, weeks in advance, go out of their way to be nice to this or that promoter, drive their teams to new frenzies in the hope of attracting the attention of the bes-paying game. Firends of he coaches in question put words into the ears of the promoters. Chances on renewal of coaches' contracts with their schools rise and fall on their ability to whip their team into a bowl game.

And all this time the schools, as represented by their directors of athleitcs, play coy and look dreamily off into space and when the time comes when they do get a bid, they give you that wide-eyed surprise and say, "Who, me?"—or, in the case of the school's president, who usually knows what's going on, "Whom, I?"

As for the players, most of them—let's admit—are delighted to get the trip. Through years of playing they have learned to expect little or nothing for serving as the coolie-paid labor battalion in what is largely a commercial venture. The trip to the bowl gives them a chance to see a little of the United States and pose with a ruptured movie star or the tooth-baring Chamber of Commerce at other bowl games.

We always contended, before the war, that bowl players should be paid. They were responsible for the making of large sums by schools engaging in wholly unnatural, out-of-season, boldly mercenary ventures. They risked their necks and rarely, if ever, were protected by insurance. Some carry old bowl wounds to this day.

Our plan, which aroused wide disinterest among the teams which usually go to the bowl games, was for the colleges to set aside a players' pool, as is done in the World Series. The money would be pt away for the boys until they graduated, to give them a little nest egg with which to begin their life in the world.

With the coming of the war wethought that the big bowl games should justify themselves by cutting in the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the community charities, National Infantile Paralsis Foundation, etc. But when the war got down to its present gruelling state we could see only an opportunity to stimulate the sale of a tremendous number of bonds.

Sports have never been in more of a fix with Washington. There are men down there who can exterminate the whole set-up just by nodding their heads the wrong way. We think the bowl promoters and the accessories to the crime, the colleges, have pulled another boner.

Star-Studded East and West Squads Ready

San Francisco, Dec. 31. (U.P.)—East meets West here tomorrow—Mr. Dudyard Kipling notwithstanding—and the resultant clash of the stars from two sides of the continent is expected to present one of the finest of all 1945 New Year's Day football extravaganzas.

With both sides loaded down with All-America and All-Conference stars, the East, headed by Coaches Andy Kerr, Colgate; George Hausman and Bernie Bierman, Minnesota, still ranked as 3-1 favorites, or you could take the West with 12 points for even money.

The weather forecast says "rains tonight and early tomorrow" which means that for the umpteenth time the game will be played in damp air on a soggy field. However, both clubs are in shape to play either "dry" or "wet" football—before the sell-out crowd of 65,000.

West to Employ Small "T"

Coach Bab Hollingbery of the West, long a foe of the "T" formation, has relented to the extent of allowing his co-mentor, Homer Norton of Texas A. & M., to install a verson of this type of play at least part of the time—if the field should happen to be dry.

However, if it is wet, Hollingberry will take over the guilding with his wing formations. The same plan is being used by the East.

It is the presence of two all-Americans from Ohio State—Guard Bill Hackett and Back Les Horvath—plus names like Frank Dancewicz and Bob Kelly of Notre Dame that has made the East the overwhelming favorite.

But the gamblers may be overlooking the fact that nearly half the probably starting line-up of the West is made up of servicemen who have much more experience. From the service on the starting team of West are John Westrum, San Francisco Coast Guard, formerly of Minnesota; Al Ratto, Alameda Coast Guard, formerly of St. Mary's; Forrest Hall, March Field, formerly of Texas; Walter Heap, another Texas product, now with San Francisco Coast Guard, and battering Bob Kennedy, former Washington State College star, now on the Third Air Force.

To face this array of stars, there isn't a serviceman on the whole East squad—because the boys couldn't make the trip away from their home bases.

Both teams finished final light exercises this norning.

East.		West.
Mead	L. E.	Westrum
Sikich	L. T.	Mogrief
Serpico	L. G.	Kekeris
Szumanski	Center	Harding
Hackett	R. G.	Ratto
Savitsky	R. T.	McClure
Harrison	R. E.	Howell
Dancewicz	Q. B.	Waterfield
Horvath	L. H.	Hall
Kelly	R. H.	Heap
Kulbitski	F. B.	Kennedy

GI Gridders Clash Today in Spaghetti Bowl

Spaghetti Bowl Headquarters, Italy, Dec. 31 (AP).—For a few hours tomorrow this is going to be like Pasadena, New Orleans, Miami, San Francisco or Dallas to some 35,000 of Uncle Sam's finest who are expected to watch the Fifth Army and the Twelfth Air Force tangle in Spaghetti Bowl football game.

Until the final whistle blows no one is telling where the game is being played because Jerry may put in an uninvited presence.

After a pregame parade of a couple 56-piece bands and the WAC cheerleaders give themselves a rest, Force Bridgebusters and the Army the boys who make up the Air Kraut Clouters will try to pick up the grid game where they left off in college and professional circles.

"It'll be a battle of two undefeated clubs for the simple reason neither has yet played. It all started with a challenge the Twelfth Air Force tossed at the Fifth Army since the Fifth is an old hand at tossing, what with chasing Field Marshal Kesselring all the way up the Italian coast, the challenge was heaved right back.

FIFTH ARMY

(Position, player, home town and college.)

Left End—Corpl. Joe Czajka, Nemacolin, Pa. (West Virginia).

Left Tackle—Sergt. Cecil Sturgeon, Des Moines, Iowa (North Dakota State and Philadelphia Eagles).

Left Guard—Corpl. John Powers, Chicago (DePaul).

Center—Sergt. Harry Karales, Chicago (Drake).

Right Guard—Lieut. Charles Henke, Kerrville, Tex. (Texas Aggies).

Right Tackle—Corpl. Frank Chismar, West Franklin, Ill. (Southern Illinois semipro Redbirds.

Right End—Lieut. Art Lemke, Irvington, N. J. (Georgetown U.).

Quarterback—Corpl. Edward Brennan, Rochester, N. Y. (Syracuse).

Left Half—Corpl. Gene Stauver, Indianapolis (Toledo U.).

Right Half—Corpl. Laddie Liska, Runge, Tex. (Texas Aggies).

Fullback—Corpl. John Moody, Freeport, Pa. (Morris Brown College).

TWELFTH AIR FORCE

Left End—T/5 Antonio Solorzano, Los Angeles (Webster semipro Bears).

Left Tackle—Sergt. John Ramsey, Center, Tex. (Sam Houston Teachers).

Left Guard—Lieut. Raymond Songaylo, Los Angeles (Loyola, Calif.).

Center—Sergt. Aldo Paletti, Clarksburg, W. Va. (Marshall).

Right Guard—T/5 Robert Leonetti, Mount Carmel, Pa. (George Washington).

Right Tackle—Sergt. Joseph McShane, Bellerose, Long Island (Dayton U.).

Right End—Sergt. Robert Geier, Cincinnati, Ohio (U. of Cincinnati).

Quarterback—Sergt. Martin Daugherty, East Pittsburgh, Pa. (St. Vincent and Appalachian).

Left Half—Corpl. Arthur Faircloth, Washington, D. C. (North Carolina State).

Right Half—Capt. Billy Madden, Buckley, Wash. (Puget Sound).

Fullback—Lieut. Edward Shanks, Inglewood, Calif. (Texas Tech).

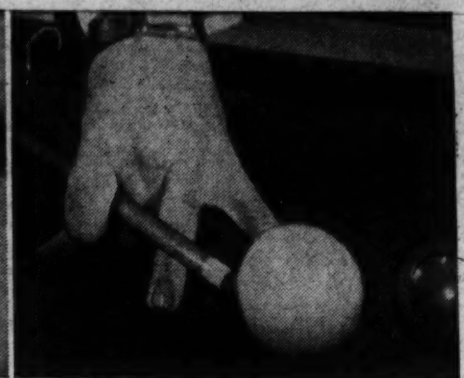
Garrett Hunters Seek Open Season on Doe

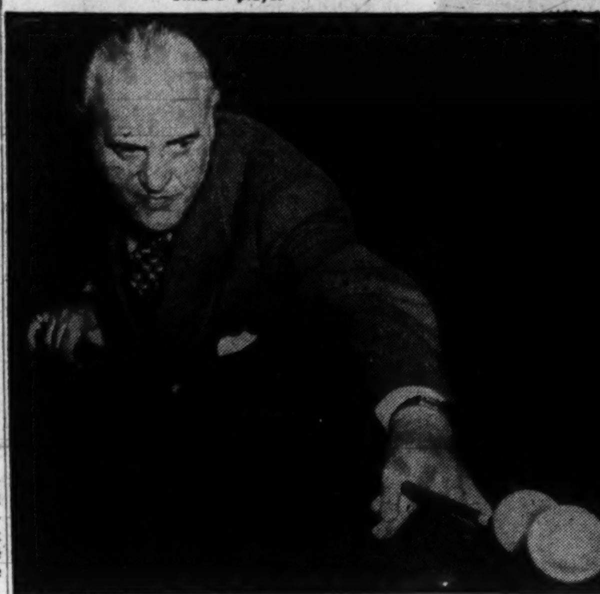
Cumberland, Md., Dec. 31 (AP).—A movement is under way in Garrett County to petition the State Game Department for a one or two day open season on doe in 1945, Joseph A. Minke, regional game warden, announced today.

According to Minke, Maryland never has had an open season on doe.

Willie Hoppe—Wizard of the Ivories

These are the famous Hoppe eyes, which for over 50 years have enabled him to become the world's master billiard player


Here is the famous Hoppe bridge. His firm grip on the cue assures him accuracy in hitting the cue ball where he aims



Willie knows every inch of the carom table and he's tops at masse shots

Nine Horses, Custodian Die In Track Fire

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 31 (AP).—A race track custodian and nine race horses were burned to death at the old Douglas Park track here early today when fire of undetermined origin destroyed a barn at the track.

Michael Rice, 77, for 40 years a race track employe and a natice of Ireland, was found head in the barn after he had led out a horse of which he was owner and presumably had gone back to attempt to save others. Deputy Coroner Charles Spilman said Rice's death was caused by second and third degree burns.

Twelve horses were saved by firemen and race track workers. Several of these were burned and some of them may have to be destroyed, according to Victor Gousha, Louisville, a trainer and owner of another guess, one of the animals lost. Goushe said he was a trainer for T. J. Johnson of Louisville and seven of the dead horses belonged to Johnson.

A coach dog, called Spot, belonging to Gousha, died while trying to lead some of the horses from the barn, his owner said.

The barn was about a city block long and was known as born "D." Estimates on the value of the building and horses had not been made this afternoon by officials of Churchill Downs which owns Douglas Park.

Douglas Park has not been used for racing since 1920 but has been devoted to storage of animals, feed and equipment and the track has been used for exercise purposes.

Blades Blank Hockey Rovers, 6-0

New York, Dec. 31 (AP).—By trouncing the New York Rovers 6 to 0, the Baltimore Blades advanced to within a point of the league leading Boston Olympics before 12,237 Eastern League Hockey fans in Madison Square Garden today.

Arlie Carlson and Louis Smrke divided the scoring honors by netting two goals apiece, while Frank Eisenzof and Harold Hursley tallied the other goals for the victors.

Harvey Ross of the Rovers dislocated his shoulder when Jocko McLean rushed him into the boards in the second period.

Hank Damore suffered a bruised left hand when he came in contact with Paul Waldner in the final frame.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Sheboygan, 62; Pittsburgh, 36.

EASTERN LEAGUE HOCKEY
Baltimore, 6; New York Rovers, 0.

57-Year-Old Star Captured First World Title at Age of 18

New York, Dec. 31 (AP).—Sports champions may come and go but Willie Hoppe will always be remembered as the master billiard player of the ages.

Willie is the mild-mannered 57-year-old wizard of the ivories who won his first world's title when he was 18, defeating Maurice Vignaux in Paris at 18.1 blakline.

As a matter of fact, when you mention billiards, everyone immediately thinks of Hoppe. He is to the green-baize world what Jack Dempsey is to boxing, Bobby Jones to golf, Babe Ruth to baseball and Bill Tilden to tennis.

The boy wonder of caroms is still packing them in, whereas the other greats of the "errific twenties" are only memories. Only recently, Willie "played on Broadway" and they had to turn them away. He hasn't forgotten any of the table tricks.

Hoppe always smiles when he recalls the first time he came to the big town. He was only in his teens and had to stand on a box to play his shots. He was promised that, if he won, he'd get a ride in a car that carried the gay blades of little old New York through Central Park.

Somehow, in the excitement of his winning, the promise was forgotten—and he still hasn't had that ride!

Hoppe doesn't seem to recall many highlights of his years of winning every title in sight. His world is billiards, but he's also a real student of baseball.

One of the Beau Brummels of sport, Willie looks like a banker as he steps about the table, and when he lines up on a shot he is closest, perhaps, to a machine in human form than anyone on the American sports scene.

8th Air Force Bows In Tea Bowl, 13-0

London, Dec. 31 (AP).—Led by Corpl. Henry Piper of Chicago, Ill., the undefeated Air Service Command Warriors snapped the Eighth Air Force's two years' unbeaten string by defeating the Raiders 13-0 today in the Tea Bowl football game before 40,000 GI Joes and Janes at White City Stadium.

Piper, former Detroit University backfield star, passed for the first score and tallied the second on a buck from the two-yeor line. Pvt. Leonard Ercotte of New Haven, Conn., caught the touchdown pass for the first score. It was the Air Service Commands eleventh straight victory.

Howard, Owner Of Stagehand, Dies in Florida

Miami Beach, Fla., Dec. 31 (U.P.) Col. Howland Maxwell Howard of Dayton, Ohio, whose chance ownership of ugly duckling horse Stagehand, made him one of America's most wealthy and famous turfmen, died today at his winter home of a heart ailment after an illness of more than a week.

Howard, a paper mil executive who acquired an outstanding stable of thoroughbreds, was stricken recently with thrombosis and had been in a coma since shortly after Christmas.

It was the judgment of one of America's great jockeys from the golden era of sport, Earl Sande, which started the success saga of Stagehand, one of the most famed campaigners of all time, now retired to stud at the Running Mede Farms in Paris, Ky.

Howard, in 1937 at a yearling sale, purchased the juvenile Sceneshifter from the Joseph E. Widener stables. The deal was about to be closed when Sande urged Howard to stipulate that Stagehand, a big, raw-boned and awkward colt, also be included in the deal. Widener consented gladly, to his later regret, and Stagehand was nicluded for a small fraction of the cost of the more highly touted Sceneshifter.

The horses, both grandsons of Man o' War, campaigned successfully as 2-year-olds, and in February of 1938 were entered in the Santa Anita Derby at Arcadia, Calif. Sceneshifter was one of the favorites but Stagehand, still the "orphan" of the stable, thundered home in front to win the $60,000 purse handily.

Southwesterners Given Slight Edge Over Mexico Today

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 31 (U.P.)—Southwestern University of Texas was given a slight edge over the Pumas of Mexico National University on the eve of the Sun Bowl game on New Year's Day.

Southwestern returns to the Sun Bowl this year as defending champion, having defeated New Mexico University, 7-0, in the 1944 game. The Mexico team, whose appearance in the game will mark the first international Sun Bowl, comes to the bowl 12 times champion of the republic.

Southwestern's team is made up largely of Navy V-12 men. While the Pirates do not have the power they displayed last year, Coach R. M. Medley believes his team will show a more balanced attack in the 1945 game.

Compared to the average college team in the United States, the team from "south of the border" is light. Its average weight is about 165 pounds.

Mexico.		Southwestern.
Nuncio	L. E.	Bare
Orteta	L. T.	Mumme
Vasquez	L. G.	Blodzinski
Monteros	Center	Westkaemper
Begun	R. G.	Franklin
Canon	R. T.	Daily
Solana	R. E.	Ulrey
L.Rojas	Q. B.	Bretchel or Means
Cardona	L. H.	Landrum
Espinosa	R. H.	Francis
Montes	F. B.	McDonald

Facts and Figures On Bowl Games

New York, Dec. 31 (AP).—Starting time and probable attendance at the various bowl football games today (all Eastern War Time).

Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif.—Southern California vs. Tennessee, 5 p. m., 90,000.

Sugar Bowl at New Orleans—Duke vs. Alabama, 3 p. m., 70,000.

Orange Bowl at Miami—Tulsa vs. Georgia Tech, 2 p. m., 30,000.

Cotton Bowl at Dallas—Oklahoma A. & M. vs. Texas Christian, 2:15 p. m., 35,000.

Shrine Game at San Francisco—East vs. West, 5 p. m., 59,800.

Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex.—University of Mexico vs. Southwestern, 3 p. m., 18,000.

Spaghetti Bowl in Italy—Fifth Army vs. Twelfth Air Force, 7:30 a. m., 35,000.

Vulcan Bowl at Birmingham, Ala.—Tuskegee vs. Tennessee State, 3:30 p. m., 5000.

Lily Bowl at Hamilton, Bermuda—Army vs. Navy.

Pacific Ocean Area championship at Furlong Field, Honolulu—Navy All-Stars vs. Army Air Force.

OPA Inspectors Check Autos At Border as Caliente Opens

Agua Caliente, Mexico, Dec. 31 (AP).—Horse racing was resumed today at this border track after two weeks' idleness. A 101race card opened a two-day New Year's weekend of racing, with a nine-event program arranged for tomorrow.

The three-million-dollar plant was idle since it was taken over December 13 by the Mexican government in the name of the Arguello heirs, awarded the property by the Mexican Supreme Court.

OPA inspectors were on the American side of the International Line at San Ysidro, checking license plates on automobiles as they crossed into Mexico. The officials indicated they dere interested in the travel of holders of B and C gasoline ration cards.

More than 900 horses were stabled at the track, 300 checking in yesterday ahead of the ODT ban against transportation of horses to foreign tracks.

Metapan, an outsider, won the opening race, a five and one-half furlong event, to pay $10.20, $3.20 and $3.

A former Hollywood Park horse, Midwesterner, Sonof Lawrie, a Kentucky Derby champion, won the third race and paid $7.40, $4.80 and $3.

Two Hollywood Park horses, C. U. Yaeger's Corona Corona and Parasang, entered in two features, were not at the track and apparently did not get across the border.

Approximately 5000 fans were at the track.

Oklahoma Aggies Choice Over T. U. C.

Southern California, Georgia Tech, Duke and Oklahoma's Aggies last night rulled favorites in the four major "bowl" football games this afternoon.

Here's the latest run-down on the favorites:

ROSE BOWL—Southern California 17 points over Tennessee.
SUGAR BOWL—Duke slight favorite over Alabama.
ORANGE BOWL—Georgia Tech 8-5 over Tulsa.
COTTON BOWL—Oklahoma A. and M. by 12 points over Texas Christian.

Rose Bowl

Trojans Boast Weight Edge Over Vols; Weather Is Clear

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 31 (AP).—Tennessee's Volunteers had their first peek at the Rose Bowl today. Southern Californit's opponents in tomorrow's post-season football game went through a brisk drill and Coach John Barnhill pronounced them fit and ready.

Jeff Cravath, boss of the Trojans, had his squad in the Pasadena amphitheater yesterday for an extensive session of running, passing and punting. Southern California, a 17-point favorite, will have a 10-pound over-all team bulge. The advantage in the line is 16 pounds to the man in the Trojans' favor.

The Trojans were a really good football team after being held to two ties earl yin the season and Western partisans believe Cravath's rugged athletes have too much stuff for the champions of the Southeastern Conference. This will be no new experience for Tennessee, the underdog role, and it is significant that the Vols finished their campaign undefeated and tied only once.

The weather man came up with a forecast of fair skies. This was especially good news for the Southern California adherents, since the Trojan T-Formation isn't so effective on a slippery turf.

This Role Bowl game will attract 90,000 spectators, despite the fact the Trojans are favored by a bigger margin than in any of the seven games they have played and won in Pasadena.

So. California.		Tennessee.
DonHardy	L. E.	Wildman
Ferraro	L. T.	R.Dobelstein
Curtis	L. G.	Asbury
Antles	Center	Morrow
Wall	R. G.	B.Dobelstein
Pehar	R. T.	Stewart
JimCallanan	R. E.	Pike
JimHardy	Q. B.	Bevis
Morris	L. H.	Stephens
Burnside	R. H.	Stephenson
Whitehead	F. B.	Major

Sugar Bowl

Duke Must Spike Alabama's Sharp Aerial Attack to Win

New Orleans, Dec. 31 (AP).—Alabama's razor-sharp aerial attack, generated by flashy Freshman Tailback Harry Gilmer, will try for victory over the Navy trainee-powered Duke Blue Devils tomorrow in the eleventh annual Sugar Bowl classic scheduled to be played before the first capacity audience since Pearl Harbor.

The sellout crowd of 70,000 will include some 25,000 service men and women guests who are expected to be on hand for the 2 p. m. (CWT) kickoff. Favorable football weather has been forecast for the game.

Frank Thomas, Alabama coach and veteran of five previous bowl games, frankly admits his Crimson Tide's chances of a win over the two-touchdown favored Blue Devils rest in the strong right arm of Gilmer.

"Duke has us out-manned," Thomas said, "but theres no better passer in football than Gilmer and the boys seem determined to fight over every square inch of turf in the Sugar Bowl Stadium. We'll be in there pitching for a win."

Duke Coach Eddie Cameron and his Southern Conference champions arrived by train from Durham, N. C., last night and Cameron said today that the Blue Devils will be at top form "if the long ride did not take too much out of them."

"We have considered it a nip-and-tuck game ever since we accepted the invitation," Cameron said, "and we trie to prepare for it that way. I'll be happy to settle for a one-touchdown victory."

Duke's powerful line, led by Guard Ernest Knotts, will be backed by capable scoring threats in Tom Davis, Gordon Carver and George Clark.

Duke.		Alabama.
C.Jones	L. E.	R.Jones
Hardison	L. T.	Whitley
Sink	L. G.	Wozniak
Crowder	Center	Mancha
Knotts	R. G.	Green
Irwin	L. T.	Edwards
Harry	R. E.	McConville
Krisza	Q. B.	Self
Clark	L. H.	Gilmer
Carver	R. H.	Tew
Davis	F. B.	Hodges

Orange Bowl

Dinky Bowen Seen as Key To Ga. Tech's Success Today

Miami, Fla., Dec. 31 (U.P.)—Clear skies and temperatures in the seventies were predicted tonight for tomorrow's Orange Bowl football game between Georgia Tech and Tulsa, before a sell-out crowd of 26,000.

The outcome of the game, eleventh in the string of Orange Bowl New Year's contests, may depend on the playing of Allen (Dinky) Bowen, speedy Tech halfback who this year was his team's only running star. Injured against Georgia, reports here todoy were that he was actually in fine shape and could run. Without Bowen, the Engineers would be forced to make most of their gains in the air.

Coach Bill Alexander, o Tech, could not be drawn out on the Bowen question. He admitted that the 180-pound back from Greenville, Miss., would play but was pessimistic on his expectations. "He'll help," said Alexander.

The game between two high scoring teams which met last year in the Sugar Bowl, with Tech the victor, may be the most even of all 1945 bowl matches. Tech offers a passing aggregation, definitely on the offensive throughout, while Tulsa banks on the running of Camp Wilson, the passes of Perry Moss and a new pass defense designed to counter Tech's aerials.

If Bowen's injured knee hampers his running, Alexander may call on Halfback Frank Broyles to fill the tail spot and run in addition to his passing duties.

The game starts at 2 p. m. (EWT) and will be broadcast (CBS) as the first Bowl game of the day. Both squads had light workouts this afternoon on the Orange Bowl turf.

Under the program weights, Tulsa has a 3-pound per men advantage in the starting line, and 17 pounds per man in the backfield. Bookmakers' odds ranged from 8 to 5 on Tech to even money, or either team and six points.

Cotton Bowl

Injury-Riddled T.C.U. Eleven Given Little Chance for Victory

Dallas, Dec. 31 (AP).—He may have to use ambulances to get his players to the field but Coach Dutch Meyer of Texas Christian University said today "Where there's life there's a chance" as he gave his Horned Frogs a final limbering-up drill before their Cotton Bowl battle with the Oklahoma Aggies.

Illness and injuries struck the Frogs just three days before the game and a check-up today indicated at least one regular end won't be able to start against the Aggies.

"It is very doubtful if Harry Mullins will be able to go," Meyer said. "I have hopes that Merle Gibson, the other end, will be in there at the first whistle."

Gibson injured an ankle and Mullins hurt his knee. The latter has had to use crutches.

These injuries came on the heels of illness of Jim Cooper, All-Southwest Conference center, but Cooper has recovered sufficiently to play although he will be weakened, Meyer said.

Oklahoma A. & M.		Texas Christian.
Armstrong	L. E.	Gibson
Foster	L. T.	Rose
Colhouer	L. G.	Cooke
Gattis	Center	Cooper
Fulk	R. G.	Smith
Riddle	R. T.	Flowers
Moore	R. E.	Mullins
Watson	Q. B.	Hadaway
Fenimore	L. H.	Rogers
Hankins	R. H.	Huff
Spavital	F. B.	Cox

Temple to Meet Wyoming Cagers

Philadelphia, Dec. 31 (AP).—Temple, downed 45-44 last night by Kentucky, meets Wyoming in Convention Hall's windup basketball game tomorrow night.

St. Joseph's will naugurate the 1945 season with the University of Puerto Rico, making its third start in the United States. The Islanders defeated Canisius handily after dropping a close one to St. John's of Brooklyn.

Temple's Owls, who managed to defeat powerful Oklahoma A. & M. although 7-foot Bob Kurland poured 20 points through the hoops, must halt George Nostrand, 6-foot-9 center for last year's national champions, if they are to walk off with the win.

Josh Cody is expected to lead with Jerry Rullo and Jimmy Joyce at forward, John Hewson and Dave Fox at guard and Bill Budd at center.

Ky. Five Rated Nation's Best

Southeastern Champs Have Won 7 in Row

By Ted Meier

New York, Dec. 31 (AP).—More than ever the University of Kentucky appears to boast the best college basketball outfit in the United States.

The undefeated Southeast Conference champs, who invade Madison Square Garden tomorrow night to battle Long Island University, added to their prestige Saturday night by knocking over the previously unbeaten Temple Owls, 45-44, at Philadelphia.

Victor in 7 Straight

A last minute field goal by Alex Groza, scheduled to enter the Army on January 4, accounted for the Kentucky win. It was the Southerners' seventh victory in a row. They previously had licked Ohio State, Big Ten champions, while Temple had administered the lone defeat suffered by the Oklahoma Aggies. Altogether Groza tossed in 27 points.

Keeping pace with Kentucky in the unbeaten ranks were Muhlenberg, Iowa and St. John's of Brooklyn. The Mules from Allentown, Pa., nicked Pennsylvania, 42-38, for their ninth straight. Iowa swamped Michigan State, 66-29, for their sixth in a row while St. John's walloped Dartmouth, 53-38, for their seventh consecutive conquest.

Bucks Topple Wolverines

Ohio toppled Michigan from the select class by beating the Wolverines, 44-41, in an overtime fray opening the Big Ten conference. Arnold Risen, Buckeye center, won the game with three points in the extra period after the regular game ended tied at 41-41. It was Michigan's first defeat in eight games and Ohio State's fourth victory in five starts.

Once-beaten Notre Dame and Tennessee were triumphant over the weekend. The Irish nipped Purdue, 49-47, while Tennessee beat Ohio University, 40-36, at Buffalo where Canisius licked Texas Christian, 40-30, in another intersectional struggle.

Wisconsin socked Missouri, 52-37; Minnesota upset Marquette, 43-40; Great Lakes edged Northwestern, 41-38 and Cornell dumped Wester nKentucky 64-53 in other leading games.

Indiana ran away with Nebraska, 65-42; New York University beat Colgate 57-36; City College New York handed Panzer its first setback, 41-38; Colorado University humbled Colorado College 47-30; Duke edged Camp LeJeune 28-24; Washington trounced Gonzaga 78-47 and 20th Century -Fox trippled UCLA 76-56.

School Fives Preparing for Series Debuts

By Newton Bowers
Post Staff Writer

Now that the Christmas holidays are over, schoolboy basketball players will get down to serious practice this week to iron out a few kinks left by the stuffing of holiday food in preparation for the 1945 interhigh campaign which gets under way Friday and Saturday.

Right off the bat the league offers a quartet of thrillers, featured by a clash between Eastern's Ramblers, last season's interhigh and Metropolitan champions, and Tech's Trainers, who finished second in the race last season. This game, along with a Coolidge-Wilson clash, is set for Friday night at Tech gym.

Western Meets Central

Saturday night Western's Red Raiders meet the Vikings of Central, and Roosevelt's Rough Riders face Anacostia's Indians. All interhigh games during the year will be played at Tech, starting at 7 o'clock.

The race, expected to be as unpredictable as ever, should have one of its best years as teams which finished in lower brackets last season seem to dominate in veterans.

As last year, however, Eastern and Tech will be the teams to beat. Eastern, last year, suffered only one league defeat and ended the season in a first-place tie with Wilson with a record of six victories and one loss. The Ramblers have back Bob Lamon, who led the city in scoring last season, and will build their team around the lanky center.

Central's Vikings, who failed to triumph in loop competition last season with seven defeats stacked against them, come out this year as a serious contender. The Vikings have won three already this season with no losses, sparked by veterans Steve Manos, center, and Gus Baroutas, forward.

Baroutas Smallest in D. C.

Baroutas is the smallest schoolboy cager in Washington. The flashy little forward can barely pull himself up to 4 feet, 11 inches, but has plenty of speed and an excellent pair of "hoop-eyes."

Wilson's Green Tigers, under the direction of their new coach, Bob (Bubbles) Dwyer, who is making his debut into the basketball world, were probably hit harder than any other school by graduation. The Tigers have but one veteran, Tom McLarney, a speedy forward.

Coolidge's Colts will bear watching, too. The Colts won four and lost three last season, have three victories to their credit already this year. Western and Roosevelt, who finished deadlocked for fourth place last year, will make season debuts in regular interhigh play, while Anacostia, with one victory and six defeats in 1944, has played and dropped one contest this season.

Postscripts

By Dick Wyatt

Pete Mancini, founder and backer of Pete's A. C., now serving in the Navy, was in town for the holidays. Pete's club will enter a strong team in The Washington Post-District AAU Battle of Belts Boxing Tournament. . . . Stanley Fields, ranking No. 1 table tennis player in the District, was unable to participate in the Christmas week tourney because of his duties with the amphibious force . . . Harry Streb and David Fritts, former Tech High stars, are members of the United States Coast Guard Academy swimming team . . . Both are divers . . . Fritts is also co-captain of the squad. . . Two other former District boys are members of the Academy's boxing squad, Dimitri Leslie, formerly of Western, and Michael Lemly, a featherweight . . . Leslie is a welter . . . Owen Milner, Alexander, Va., is also a member of the Academy swim squad. . . Bill Van Sant, former West Virginia and Southern Methodist grid star, is attending George Washington. Billy Blake, former A.A.U. boxing official, is now coaching the Appolo Club fighters.

SEYMOUR

Tony Dorn, defenseman, and Jimmy Wilson, forward, are the only members of the Hockey Lions who are American citizent. . . . The rest of the Lions hail from Canada. . . . Wilson operates a farm near Fall River, N. Dak., during the off-season. . . . Dorn, only 17, will enter the Marines in March. . . . Gene Szklarz, Francis Baptiste and George Mulligan, all former Catholic U. cage stars, are playing for Garvin's Grill in the Heurich loop. . . . Ed White, another C. U. ace, is playing for Naval Ordnance in the same league. . . . Several former University of Maryland stars are performing in the Heurich circuit, too. . . . Including Knocky Thomas, Joe Crisafulli, Dick Greer and Bill Rea. . . . Bob Seymour, Redskin helfback, has headed back to his home in Oklahoma for the winter after enjoying a big season despite a bad knee. . . . Much of the Redskin's success is traceable to the untiring efforts of big Bob. . . . He was always in there when the going was toughest and his alertness saved the passers many a headache. . . . Bob took his work seriously and was one of the more dependable work horses.

Thomas Kehoe has resigned his position as Assistant National Director of the Disabled American Veterans Administration and takes over today as National Executive Director of Catholic War Veterans . . . Kehoe's new headquarters will be in the Empire State Building, New York City. . . He is to be remembered as the man who played a leading role in furnishing entertainment and arranging for transportation for wounded servicemen to football, hockey and other sports events here, Baltimore and other nearby cities.

DOGS . . . By George Berner

Reports from readers throughout this section indicate an unprecedented demand for Christmas puppies, and it is evident that there are more new puppies going into new homes now than ever before.

The question now, then, is what to do about these Christmas puppies—how to take care of them, how to train them, etc., and our mailbag has literally been flooded with these.

The first thing to remember with a new puppy, even though he is a very young puppy, is the fact that your home and you are new to him. If he has been a kennel dog up until now all the more reason for being careful, because he probably has known only one person—the kennel man or whoever took care of him. He is going to be strange, he may even be somewhat frightened, so above all don't do anything to add to his confusion or fright. Don't attempt to train him the first few hours he is in the house, even the first day. Play with him; let your children cuddle him and play with him and get to know him, but don't scold or chastise him in any way during the first day he is with you.

The first job usually is housebreaking, some people call it "heartbreaking." If you live in an apartment the best thing to do is to train the puppy to newspapers. Lay several thicknesses of newspapers in a corner of the kitchen, or other room as you desire, and immediately after feeding the puppy place him on the papers. Then get down on your hands and knees or sit on the floor and gently push him back on the papers as he tries to get off of them. Don't scold him or slap him as he doesn't know what it's all about. Just keep him there for a few minutes. He will soon do what you want him to do, and when he does pat him, make a fuss over him, and immediately allow him off of the papers. Just a very few of these lessons, sometimes as little as one or two, will teach the puppy what he is there for.

If you live in a house train him to go outside at once. Don't train him to newspapers and then at some subsequent date train him to go out. Do it all in one job—its easier.

Believe it or not, a puppy can be house-trained in 24 hours. Now this may sound silly to some people, but we have done it time and time again. True, it takes about all of one's time of the 24 hours but the job is over with. Keep the puppy in the room with you. This job always falls upon the woman of the house because she is there during the day and usually the man is out making the money to buy dog food. Watch the puppy. Watch him closely. If he is lying in his bed or in a corner sleeping forget him, but when he starts to move around, especially to sniff around in likely places, watch him most carefully and get fairly close to him. When he shows signs of doing something that you don't want him to do in the immediate vicinity, pick him up, talk to him sternly, and set him outside the door. Now, during the cold weather the sudden change of temperature may take his mind off the job in hand for a few minutes, but not for too long. Watch him while he is outside until he performs the duties you put him out there to do, and immediately pick him up and bring him back into the house, pet him and make a fuss over him.

It should be remembered in the housebreaking of the dog that after he has committed a misdeed it does absolutely no good to show it to him, slap him, stick his nose in it, or any of the old tried and untrue methods. He has absolutely no idea of what it is all about. You must catch him in the act, and if you will watch him closely and catch him as he is about to err, after a few times he will learn very, very quickly.

You will notice that we haven't mentioned chastising the dog, slapping him or anything of this sort. This comes along later. Never punish the puppy unless you know that he knows he has done a misdeed. In other words, if you are sure that he knows he should go outside and he deliberately slips in the house, that's the time to punish him; certainly we can't punish him until we are sure that he knows what we want him to do.

There is just one trick in housebreaking, that is to watch that puppy. Catch him when he gets ready to do it or while he is doing it. Put him outside just a few minutes and let him in immediately, and you'll be surprised how quick he will respond.

Insofar as feeding goes, we have suggested heretofore and we suggest again that you follow the feeding directions of the breeder explicitly. If, however, you didn't get feeding directions from the breeder here are a few of them. We assume the puppy is at least two months old and has a full set of teeth. Purchase some puppy kibbel or a good meal; by that we mean dog food that is prepared in kibbel size or comes as a meal. If you can get the small puppy kibbel, soak it in water for not less than 20 minutes—drain the surplus water off and feed it to the puppy. If it's a meal, mix the meal with water or milk until it is crumbly—never mushy.

A good dog food prepared in small portions for the puppy, whether it be kibbel or meal, plenty of milk and whatever meat scraps you have will take care of your puppy very, very nicely. If he happens to be a puppy of a large breed, that is a dog that is going to mature at 60 or 70 pounds or better, give him a teaspoonful of cod liver oil twice a day. Feed your puppy four times a day until he is 4 months old.

Don't give him any kind of medicines unless prescribed by a veterinarian, please for his sake and yours. Take him to the closest vet this week and ask the doctor about inoculating him for distemper. If he is too young the doctor will tell you and he will tell you when to bring him back, but do it just as soon as the doctor thinks the puppy is old enough—you will have him then a long time.

New Year 'Cap Tops Tropical Card Today

Miami, Fla., Dec. 31 (AP).—Tropical Park's New Year's Handicap was just another $5000 stake race when it was scheduled this fall, but it'll be as important as a derby to the horsemen when it is run tomorrow morning in two sections.

The two $5000 divisions will be the last big events before racing closing down Tuesday at Government request.

Hoping for a share of the purses to help tide them over during the ban, owners entered 22 thoroughbreds in the mile and 70-yard contests and forced a split field.

A banner crowd is expected to see the races, the sixth and seventh events on a program arranged for a 10 a. m. beginning in order that there will be no conflict with the Orange Bowl football game in the afternoon.

There is some question, however, as to whether the betting will exceed Tropical's record of $752,200 established Saturday by a crowd of only 8954.

Greentree Stable will send Dustman, victor in the $7500 first division of the Inaugural Handicap Christmas Day, after the big share of the purse in the first division of the New Year's.

A. M. Bank's Offenbach, longshot winner of the second division of the Inaugural, is going again in the second division of the major event tomorrow, but is listed at 8 to 1 in the overnight line.

Woolford Farm's Silvestra, second to Offenbach in the Inaugural, rates the favorite this time at 3 to 1. The overnight line named Dustman at 2 to 1 in the first division, with He Rolls a 3-to-1 secondary favorite.

Douglas Aircraft Offers Jobs to Jockeys

Chicago, Dec. 31 (AP).—The Chicago Douglas Aircraft plant says it has work for jockeys—many of whom will be out of jobs next week because of the closing of race tracks.

"The aircraft industry needs persons of small stature and light weight," the company said in a telegram to Jockey Bobby Permane and other riders at the Tropical Park track in Coral Gables, Fla.

The company said jockeys—and other small persons—can work on aircraft fuselages in small quarters that larger people cannot enter.

Fair Grounds

By the Associated Press
(First race 11 a. m. EWT)

1—¾; $1000; maiden 4-year-olds.			
John Arc	120	Enaj	115
Hasty Heels	110	Belobi	115
True Barbara	115	Prado Son	115
Beau Wolf	120	Susitna	115
Shining Chance	120	Thormond	120
Rare Wine	115	Miss Champion	115
Never Alone	115	Little Clipper	110
Miss Brady	110	War Baggage	120
2—¾; $800; 4-year-olds up.			
Big Brands Son	118	Royal G Man	111
Ten Blow	115	Henry M	121
Super	121	Victory Prince	114
Mountaloon	113	Burning Chips	115
Red Spirit	115	Hippocrene	106
Three Bangs	124	Moemdown	103
Amperage	110	Epigal	113
Border Scout	115	Brilliant Hope	116
3—1 1/16; $800; 3-year-olds.			
Dark Morning	110	Ever Playful	110
Cureagal	108	Swing Sister	115
Old Lover	110	Miss Palooka	105
Kingstone	108	Happy Joan	110
Mid Tack	115	Valdina Rumpus	105
4—¼; $1000; maiden 2-year-olds.			
†Amble In	122	‡Linwood Jack	122
Seaman's Pal	122	Begone	122
Judge Davey	122	‡Linwood Wag	122
Air Rate	117	Ijay See	122
Great Card	122	Sonny Haynes	122
†Bold Regard	122		
†C. C. Tanner entry.			
‡Miss Joan Beattie entry.			
5—1 1/16; $900; 3-year-olds up.			
Patsy T.	103	Chance Taker	116
Day Dodge	116	Wheatstraw	111
Anytime	113	Tee Midge	116
Happy Indian	113	Strombus	116
Mason Dixon	113	Sweet Olga	116
Code Mentor	118	Rockwood Lou	110
Heel Up	113	Old Silk	110
Foment	106	Restriction	113
Aircraft	116	Ho Hum	108
6—¾; $1200; 3-year-olds.			
After Eight	108	Sturdy Defense	113
Black Pepper	113	Transbest	113
Romanicus	113	Or-Tetra	108
Dollar Mark	113	Ronrey	113
Foxy Nettie	108	Faff	108
King Dorsett	113		
7—¾; $2000 added; 3-year-olds up.			
†Bert	110	Four Deep	110
Miss Valor	107	§Valdina Senora	105
Layaway	116	‡Brownie	122
‡Fox Brownie	117	¶Defense	116
Traffic Court	117	Final Glory	115
†Chickie D. D	105	Chipamink	112
Zig Zag	110	¶Reaping Glory	114
†Anthem	104	Sameron	108
Colonel Read	106	Many Lands	114
†Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Shipp entry.			
‡Joe W. Brown entry.			
§Mrs. B. Hernandez entry.			
¶Mrs. H. P. Bonner entry.			
8—1-70; $900; 4-year-olds up.			
Darby Doris	105	Lunch Date	108
Plucky Teddy	120	Happy Prince	118
Hop Picker	113	Gold Regnant	106
Cobeggo	113	Wing Tip	103
Capsicum	113	J. Lee Greenock	111
Spread Eagle	118	Silver Toy	110
My Scott	113	Bold Question	123
Chalara	106	Chance Cross	118
Birthmark	108	Wise Chance	116
9—1 1/16; $800; 4-year-olds up.			
Hi Henry	112	Derivative	118
Justice Nap	118	Meritorious	121
Sweet Margie	108	Alpine Light	113
Bass Fiddle	113	Bolute	108
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Town Victory	116	Rolls Day	118
Mae H	115	Vencl	118
Yellow Rock	108	Dark Ship	103
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Tropical Park

1—¾; $1200; maiden 4-year-olds up.			
One Century	118	Kitty Car	113
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2—¾; $1300; maiden 3-year-olds.			
Brace Play	114	High East	117
Minta H.	112	†Lady Apple	117
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3—¾; $1300; 4-year-olds up.			
Valdina Bright	112	Dark Mischief	113
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Hoosier Wolf	120	Carmeltown	111
Milkwhite	113	Tindell	115
Chief Mate	115	Gallant Witch	107
Jujube	108	Plucky Ray	113
4—¾; $1400; 3-year-olds.			
Lucky Aunt	106	Valetta	103
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5—1-70; $1200; 4-year-olds up.			
Jan One	100	Stell	106
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LaGuardia Asks Transmission Ban On Racing Tips

New York, Dec. 1 (AP).—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia said today he would ask Federal officials to ban transmission of racing information along with the Government order closing race horse tracks.

In his weekly radio broadcast over municipal station WNYC, LaGuardia urged the Western Union Telegraph Co. to "cooperate with the United States Government and local government and not transmit tips, bets or information about the races in Mexico and Cuba."

"Under the law the Western Union is not permitted to accept messages of felicitation or congratulation and I think that if the war necessity makes it mandatory to eliminate such messages it should compel the refusal to take messages from gamblers or touts or information about plugs trotting or creeping around the tracks."

Road Freeze Let U. S. Unit Escape St. Vith

With U. S. Seventh Armored Division, Dec. 30 (AP).—The Battle of St. Vith would never have had so happy an outcome if a road had not frozen up at just the right time.

As it turned out, the seven-day-long battle, fought in the utmost confusion, goes down as one of the most remarkable feats of American arms.

Even now the details can only be pieced out. Even the American commanders on the scene had only a sketchy conception of the whole battle.

Contrary to reports, St. Vith never was encircled by the Germans. American position were a horseshoe, open to the west.

At St. Vith the German drive was split, its continuity was broken and the great bulk of our men and machines were withdrawn and saved to fight another day.

This mainly is the story of what was accomplished by the Seventh Armored Division.

The story is one of light and shadow. Some ran, and in running hampered those who chose to stay. Some disciplinary action already has been started, but this account is chiefly concerned with the brighter side.

The Seventh is commanded by Brig. Gen. Robert W. Hasbrouck, 48, West Pointer from Kingston, N. Y., specialist in field artillery.

Number 2 in command, but number one on the spot with direct responsibility for a quick decision was Grig. Gen. Bruce Cooper Clarke, another West Pointer from Syracuse, N. Y.

The Germans launched their attack on Saturday, December 16. Clarke arrived at St. Vith from Germany on Sunday, December 17 when the situation already had become critical and for seven days he directed the defense, making little bits go a long way.

One of his staff officers said, "in that one week we aged 10 years."

The Seventh could never have been withdrawn if a five-mile stretch of forest road had not frozen just in time. The road ran from Commanster in the center of the horseshoe to Viesalm on the Northern wing.

Another factor in the success of the Seventh was the supply train commanded by Colonel Andrew J. Adams, of Auburn, Ala., which sent ammunition by long roundabout fibeen trouse etao shr eta shr eta -routes. At times far-ranging Germans were battled off by supply clerks, cooks, truck drivers and mechanics.

A Major Parker found a crossroads undefended, stood in the road and shanghaied stragglers until he had enough men to hold the crossroads.

Such improvising was characteristic of the battle.

Comparatively little of the battle was fought in St. Vith. It was fought on the perimeter of the horseshoe.

When the Seventh arrived at St. Vith, German infantry was closing in and the only defenders were two courageous but lonely companies of Engineers. The Seventh was joined by part of another armored division and the remaining units of two sorely depelted infantry divisions.

On Tuesday, December 19, the Seventh's artillery commanded by Col. Orville W. Marti of Oshkosh, Wis., got into action and Clarke said "we were in a pretty good position then."

The Germans hurled attack after attack, and never ceased probing.

The southern arm of the horseshoe was held by seven islands, or knots, of resistance.

Against those knots the Germans used "bouncing ball" tactic. Repulsed at one they bounced back westward to the next.

When they came to the last they did not bounce again. If they had they might have closed the horseshoe's neck.

On Wednesday afternoon the Germans subjected the sector immediately east of St. Vith to a heavy artillery bombardment and a strong infantry attack. But the infantry was stopped after 70 minutes of heavy shelling.

Then on Wednesday night they attacked in strength on the northeast and southeast and as Clarke said, "Things got tough."

Thursday night the Nazis broke through on the east side of St. Vith. The Americans gradually were compressed into a smaller area, and at 8 o'clock the Germans attacked heavily along the entire line. At 10 p. m., Clarke ordered the line withdrawn slightly west of St. Vith. The Germans came into the town immediately and American artillery plastered it.

Friday the eGrman drive slowed, but Clarke decided his new line was untenable and he pulled back again.

Since Tuesday he had been sending back all unessential vehicles and he had them out of the way when the crucial time for the dash came Saturday morning, December 23. Roads had been repaired to the rear to aid the withdrawal.

The final withdrawal was expertly covered by artillery fire, switched from one position to another.

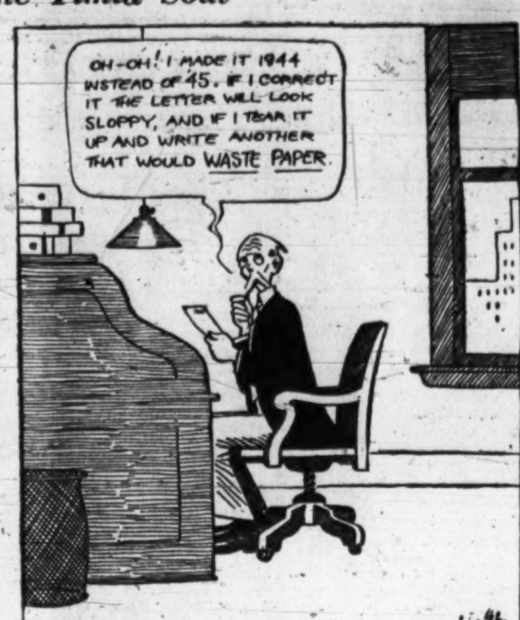
"The books said it couldn't be done—a daylight withdrawal like this," said Lieut. Col. John P. Wemple, Shreveport, La. "But we did it."

The Seventh's movement through Viesalm was none too soon. By Saturday night the Germans were there.

The Seventh had taken over an enormous American supply dump which had been abandoned by another unit at St. Vith and left burning. But the fire had done little damage and scores of the division's vehicles even came out of the battle loaded high with these supplies.

In April, 1941, it required 7.61 gallons of alcohol for each 100 pound of smokeless powder produced, as compared with 1.9 gallons of alcohol used for the same amount of powder today.

The Timid Soul



Alexandria Police to Install Tomorrow

George F. Eberly will be installed tomorrow at 7:30 p. m. as president of the Association of Alexandria Police, succeeding Capt. Edgar Sims, who has held the position for 10 years.

Sims recently was selected as third vice president of the Virginia State Chiefs of Police Association.

Other officers to be installed are Serpt. Henry F. Grimm, vice president; Detective J. Cleveland Shaw, jr., secretary, and the following officers as trustees: Robert A. Brenner, Robert W. Peacher, Richard C. Burrell and Thomas E. Woods.

Eberly said plans would be made at the meeting for the coming year,s activities, which will includt drafting of bylaws.

The association sponsors an emergency relief fund which is raised through contributions by members and the police ball. The organization just purchased $500 in war bonds. Its total investment in bonds is $3000.

DAV Assistant Quits to Direct Catholic Veterans

After serving as assistant director of the Disabled Veterans National Service Bureau for five years, Thomas J. Kehoe has resigned that post to become national executive director of the Catholic War Veterans.

He will take over his new duties today, in New York City. Before leaving for New York, Kehoe lived at 1904 Rookwood ave., Silver Spring.

A World War I veteran, he was the first full-time national service officer of the DAV during its early days in 1921. He was a field director for the Red Cross for 13 years before rejoining the DAV.

Taylor and Bonomi Urge More Aid for Italians

Rome, Dec. 31 (AP).—Myron C. Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal representative to the Vatican, and Prime Minister Ivanhoe Bonomi, expressing gratitude for contributions which in 1944 brought relief to many war-stricken Italians, today broadcast an appeal for Americans to give more generously during the coming year.

Speaking as chairman of the National Committee for Relief in Italy, Taylor said there were thousands of persons "homeless, in rags, underfed, sick and wounded." He reported that shoes were priceless, clothes were beyond the reach of the rich and that soap, meat and milk rarely were seen.

Wife Says Eisenhower Made by His Men

Fort Benning, Ga., Dec. 31 (AP).—Mrs. Dwight David Eisenhower, wife of the supreme Allied commander in western Europe, said yesterday her husband "has always felt that a leader is only as good as the men he leads."

Here for a visit with her son, John, Mrs. Eisenhower was told about the designation of General "Ike" as "the man of the year" by Time magazine.

"This is everybody's war," she remarked. "Alone, no one man can win it."

Last Retreat Held at Md. U. By Army Unit

The 2510 Service Unit of the Army Specialized Training Program held "last retreat" at the University of Maryland this past weekend for its remaining 150 trainees.

At peak strengt the College Park Unit consisted of approximately 1200 electrical and mechanical engineers and premed trainees. The program started at the university in June 1943 and reached its greatest total in November, 1943, at which time the War Department began to taper off the program all over the nation.

Three months ago the unit had dropped to 150, at which time the electrical and mechanical engineers graduated. They were replaced by about 100 ASTP reserves, the 17-year-old class, which combined with 50 remaining premeds, left total strength at 150.

Col. Garland G. Griswold, commandant, explained the purpose of the ASTU was to train technicians in varied and specialized closse, primarily engineering and medicine.

The 50 premeds will be sent to various hospitals for further technical training, after which they will enter medical colleges. Upon graduating from medical school they will be commissioned.

The 100 ASTP reserves will be sent to basic training.

Aeronautics Board Starts Review of Airline Tariffs

Investigation of airline passenger fares and cargo rates has been launched by the Civil Aeronautics Board to determine whether tariffs should be raised or lowered. At the same time the board called on four airlines "to show cause why their mail rates should not be reduced from 60 cents to 32 cents a ton-mile."

Airlines affected by the show-cause order are United Air Lines, Inc., American Airlines, Inc., Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., and Eastern Air Lines, Inc. Mail payments to the four companies during the most recent month for which figures are available varied from $220,647.67 for Eastern up to $706,369.02 for United.

Civilian Ammunition Frozen by WPB

The War Production Board yesterday called a halt on all production of civilian ammunition. At the same time, the agency moved to conserve present stocks of ammunition for essential uses.

Today is the final day for the manufacture of ammunition for any except Government and military use. Manufacturers' stocks will be frozen pending development of distribution controls.

Output Appeals Grimly Mark Passing of '44

By International News Service

Government, labor and industry grimly marked America's fourth wartime New Year's Eve yesterday by appealing to the home front to redouble production to hasten world victory—which spokesmen conceded was still far distant.

The War Production Board, reviewing 1944 as the old year prepared to bow out into history, declared that 300,000 workers are urgently needed to keep the materials of war flowing into the hands of the fighting forces overseas.

"We are in the midst of a military campaign that requires perhaps an even greater effort and persistence on the part of our workers than they have given thus far," asserted WPB Vice Chairman Clinton S. Golden and Joseph D. Keenan.

Needs Stressed in Detail

The WPB pointed out that workers are pressingly needed in aircraft plants and plants producing naval high capacity ammunition and heavy artillery ammunition.

More hands also are needed, the board warned, in artillery and gun carriage factories, foundaries, Naval repair yards and shipyards, and plants making small arms nd mmunition, dry cell batteries, duck and tent twill, Naval 40 mm. guns, radar equipment, rockets, tanks and self-propelled guns, tetraethyl lead and sodium, tires and tubes, trucks and components and wire rope.

President Pilip Murray, of the CIO, varned against complacency and declared that his organization had the "twin goals of winning the war and winning the peace."

"To make 1945 our victory year," Murray said, "America will redouble its productive efforts."

Blunt Appeals Issued

"On the domestic front," he promised, "the CIO will devote its industrial, legislative and political activities to achieving a stabilized war time economy, in which wages shall be fairly adjusted to living costs, prices held down to prevent inflation and the burden of taxation justly distributed on the basis of ability to pay."

President Eric Johnston of the United States Chamber of Commerce, issued a blunt appeal to win the war before planning for peacetime production.

"The American people," he observed, "are face to face with the grim fact that the end of the war is nowhere in sight."

Johnston said that the German offensive in Western Europe had caused America to absorb "a body blow."

He added that the "heroic GI Joe of Bastogne taught me by lesson."

"We are not forced to start all over again on the War Production front."

Labor to Back Soldiers

AFL President William Green stated that American labor is determined that the fourth year of war "shall be the last."

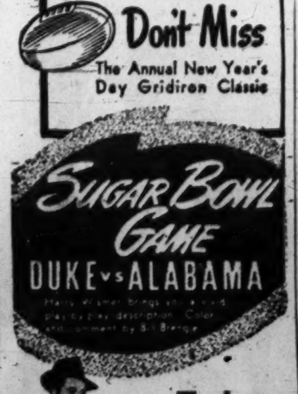
"Labor," he said, "issues this New Year warning to the enemy—that in the months ahead the soldiers of production will back up the fighting forces of the United Nations with the greatest output of planes, tanks, guns and ships in history."

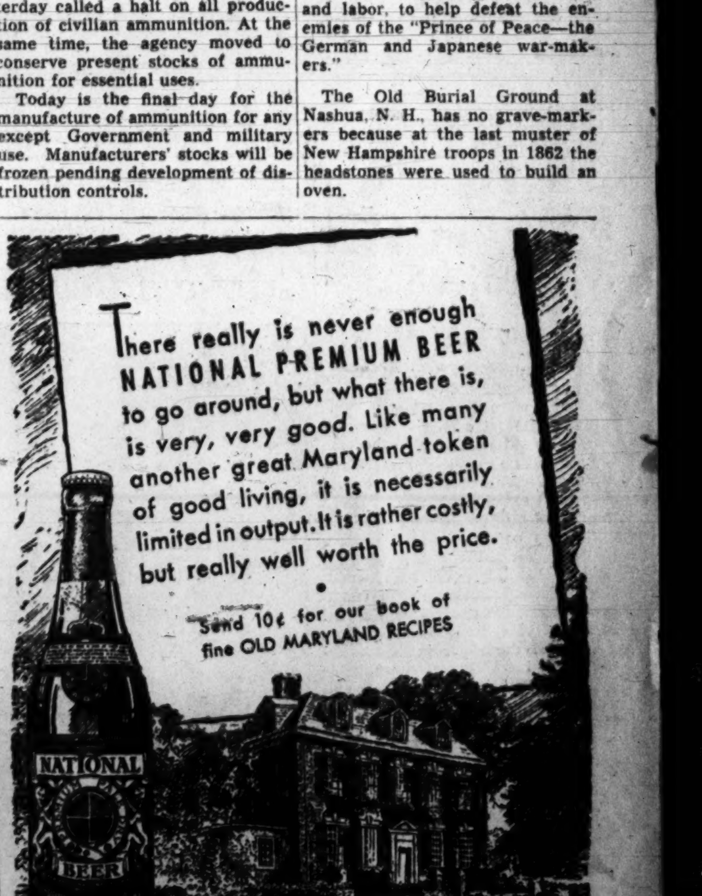
War Manpower Commissioner Paul . McNutt, in a letter to 300 members of the WMC management-labor policy committee, called for "teamwork" to make it possible for the Nation to "outproduce the America of 1943 and 1944."

"Let us now resolve," McNutt declared, "to outproduce—not the Berlins or Yokohamas, for we already have done that—but to outproduce ourselves.

"On this New Year's Day, let us resolve, with God's aid, that we will work together, management and labor, to help defeat the enemies of the "Prince of Peace—the German and Japanese war-makers."

The Old Burial Ground at Nashua, N. H., has no grave-markers because at the last muster of New Hampshire troops in 1862 the headstones were used to build an oven.





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Nelson B. Bell About the Showshops

'Winged Victory' Has An Exceptional Cast; Notes of the Theater

WHILE IT MAY SEEM a bit late in the day to begin extolling Moss Hart's production fo. "Winged Victory" for the Army Air Forces, there are, if you wish to deem them such, extenuating circumstances.

MOSS HART

One would be that the film version of the stage hit will be coming along to the screen of Loew's Palace Theater on January 11, and another might be that a little later—how long later, I am not at the moment informed—Mr. Hart's living embodiment of what he felt his conception ought to be like will be occupying the stage of the National Theater.

While comparisons usually are odious, it probably can be confided without offense that Mr. Hart approached his task from a more professional angle than actuated Irving Berlin when he compiled his tremendously successful "This Is the Army." Mr. Berlin took what talent he could find—and it was both plentiful and able.

Mr. Hart, on the other hand, combed the uniformed forces of the AAF for performers who already were initiates of the theater in one capacity or another.

The result seems to be that Mr. Hart has come up with a strictly professional cast. It was no easy job.

As it is told to me by my old friend, S/Sergt. Bill Doll, no tyro in the theater, there were 17,000 applications for auditions for parts in "Winged Victory." By the time Mr. Hart and those in charge had sifted this formidable number down to the requisite 300, it was found that they had many names familiar to American audiences on their roster.

Perhaps foremost in the group—at least in my mind—is Lee Cobb. Mr. Cobb may be recalled as the aged father in "Golden Boy." To me, when I saw the play, he was aged. As a matter of fact, my more considered impression is that at the time he was 26 years old, give or take a year. That is the kind of actor Mr. Cobb is. His manifold talents made him one of the mainstays of the Group Theater.

Then there is Sergt. Edmond O'Brien, who was Deanna Durbin's leading man in "The Amazing Mrs. Halliday," and a prime mover in the romantic interest in the comera version of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," that starred Charles Laughton. But that is only a beginning.

Col. Barry Nelson, whose last screen chore got him featured billing with Spencer Tracy and Irene Dunne in "A Guy Named Joe"; Sergt. George Reeves, who was Claudette Colbert's leading man in "So Proudly We Hail," and Col. Phil Bourneuf, former Theater Guild actor, last seen on the National stage in "The Rivals," likewise are in there pitching. But this charade isn't a static business. Also visible will be Pvt. Ray McDonald, one of the cleverest of the dancers, and Jack Powell, jr., doing an abbreviation of the same syncopated drumstick act that his dad is performing this week on the stage at Loew's Capitol. Nor is that all.

Other interesting members of the company include Corpl. Eugene Conley, frequently heard here with the San Carlo Opera Company; Pvts. Jack and Henry Slate, illustriously known to vaudeville and the night clubs; former emcee Peter Lind Hayes, Sergt. Ray Middleton and even Maurice, of the dance team of Maurice and Cordoba. If you want "name" musicians, they would embrace Pvt. Porky Dankers, Corpl. Harry Goodman and Sergt. Joe Buskin, who wrote "Hot Time in the Town of Berlin." There is so much talent in the cast of "Winged Victory," as it turns out, that many top-flight artists find themselves in "bit" roles. Take Sergt. Zeke Manners, for example. This hillbilly radio comic is seen only in a flash, playing an accordion accompaniment. It just happens that the piece he is accompanying is "The Pennsylvania Polka." It also just happens to happen that Sergt. Manners is the composter of that tune. It is reliably reported that he spends all of his furloughs adding up his royalty checks. "If "Winged Victory" is a dud, so am I—and there have been complaints about that last long before this!

Not a One-Day Fluke

We hate to keep bearing down on this by-now perhaps boring subject, but when a picture comes along that smashes all previous records it seems not too much to expect it to be known.

That reocrd-breaking business is what Samuel Goldwyn's Technicolor production of "The Princess and the Pirate," starring Bob Hope, with Virginia Mayo, is doing at RKO-Keith's Theater. I'll let you read it for yourself.

" 'Princess and Pirate' has done it again. Friday, like Thursday, all-time record broken. This day's record was held by 'Little Women,' dating back to 1933. Looks like a record-breaking week. COL SORKIN."

It sure does.

Keith's, however, may not be said to be entirely alone. Over at Sidney Lust's Hippodrome, at 9th and New York ave., they are doing all right with "Dangerous Journey," too. So all right that the film is being carried over through Wednesday. It will be followed for a continuous week by the Twentieth Century-Fox Technicolor production of "Wilson," not so long ago given a gala premiere at the Capitol. That should give you an idea of the manner in which the newly rehabilitated Hippodrome is shooting at the top brackets, under the astute management of Bernard Lust.

Were I not so hesitant about placing myself deliberately on the impertinent list, I would up and ask Manager Eddie Plohn of the National what has been canceled out of his house by now, for the week of January 8. Or, better yet, what may have been booked in?

Pardon-My-French Note

Just out of the hospital, after a week of maladjustments, that 8-week-old bull pup is a worse hell-raiser than ever. Anybody want him?

Legion to Hold Memorial Services For Sgt. Gallagher

Memorial services for Staff Sergt. William F. Gallagher, USMC, the first member of the Last Man Club to die in action in this war, will be held at the American Legion Clubhouse Wednesday at 8 p. m.

The 49-year-old sergeant was among 15 club members who enlisted in this war. Although living in Los Angeles, Calif., at the time of his enlistment, he was for many years a resident of the District and belonged to the Father Hurney Post, Catholic War Veterans, and the Gen. U. G. McAlexander Post, American Legion. He also was a member of the American Legion National Guard of Honor and of the 40 and 8.

Gallagher, an aerial photographer, was killed in action at Guam.

FWA Finishes 37 Projects In Va. in '44

Richmond, Va., Dec. 31 (AP).—Thirty-seven Federal Works Agency proffiects were completed in Virginia in 1944 at a cost of $10,600,000, Regional Director C. L. Vickers said. The projects brought the FWA's Virginia total to 87 and sent total expenditures to approximately 19 million dollars.

Reports compiled for the Richmond region of the FWA, which includes Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland and Delaware, show 207 projects completed at a cost of about $30,500,000.

Bulk of the FWA public works program in Virginia consists of educational facilities, hospitals and nurses' homes, public health centers, additions to water and sewerage systems, incinerator plants and garbage disposal facilities, fire stations and recreation centers for servicemen.

Federal aid in construction of these projects, Vickers said, was provided to enable communities to meet needs created by wartime conditions in congested war production areas. Some projects were financed entirely with funds provided by FWA, but in most cases local communities paid a portion of the cost.

Of 42 projects now under construction in Virginia, 20 are virtually completed. The 42 projects represent a total investment of approximately $14,500,000.

LEONARD LYONS

Gossip From Gotham

New York, Dec. 31.—Moss Hart's Air Force show, "Winged Victory," is grossing $56,000 a week as a play in Chicago and $104,000 as a movie at the Roxy. To legalize his gift of the play to the Air Forces, Moss signed a contract "selling" all rights for $5. To date he hasn't received the $5. . . . Hart first read the play, when it was half finished to General Arnold and the Air Force staff at Arnold's home. None of the houseful of generals uttered a word throughout the reading. "Well, that's it," said Hart. "That's the first act. What do you think?" . . . General Arnold pointed to a curious knife on the wall. "I got that knife at Casablanca. It's used by the Arabs to wreak their odd revenge on men who despoil their wives," said General Arnold. "I warn you Hart. I'll chase you up the aisle and use it on you, if the second act isn't as perfect."

GENERAL ARNOLD

Leon Henderson, now in England on a special mission for the Government, has disassociated himself from every private venture since returning to Government service. When he resigned as Price Administrator, Henderson began earning over $200,000 a year. Now he's resigned from the Research Institute of America, abandoned his lecture and personal counsel contracts, and again is earning $12,000 a year. . . . Dorothy Gish, after sitting by for five months, in vain to go overseas with a USO unit, wasted no time as soon as she learned of the trip's cancellation. She's now at the Red Cross Canteen. . . . One veteran American correspondent received special attention at the Vatican because of a cable Jim Farley sent in his behalf, while Rome was still occupied.

Lucius Boomer, head of the Waldorf-Astoria, gave one of the most elegant dinners in the history of New York. One of the guests, in reporting this later to a showman who recently returned from Europe, described the well-dressed men, the imported caviar and imported champagne, the rare dishes, the menus with each guest's name printed thereon, the servants in full livery, the curtains parting and the unusual entertainment presented . . . "One touch was missing," said the showman just back from Europe. "There should have been a glass, and children's noses pressed against it staring at the scene. Imported children, of course."

The 41st Infantry Division, veterans of the Far Pacific, describes itself as "The Jungleers." At Aitape the 41st met the Jap Imperial 41st Division and destroyed it. The captured documents revealed that these Japs described themselves as the "Mitsurinjin" division. Its literal translations is "The Jungleers." . . . Brooks Atkinson and Richard Watts, both back from China, made a pact that they would be the only correspondents who wouldn't write a book about the war.

Last summer Ludwig Bemelmans, the writer-artist, went to Hollywood to write the story which he and Jacques Thiery had sold to the studio. The movie will be called "Yolanda." When the job was completed, Bemelmans returned to New York. . . . One of the characters in Bemelmans' screenplay has a habit of making sketches on tablecloths. Last week Bemelmans returned to Hollywood, hired by MGM for the special assignment of making these tablecloth sketches.

Many of the characters in Carlton Brown's new, fascinating book, "Brainstorm," are easily recognizable. One of them, a pink-tied former editor, is a notorious check-bouncer barred from Sardi's because of his rubber checks . . . Ella Winter has returned from Russia . . . The Province of Quebec, for the first time in Canada's history, has granted the use of its crest to an individual furrier. The ten-year grant, giving him the sole agency on minks for America, Canada and France, was issued to Louis Ritter, whose colorful career soon will be adapted for the screen. Ritter, furrier to the Roosevelts, has been to the White House often. He refused to go there, however, to receive the citation issued to his late son, an Air Force lieutenant killed overseas.

This is a Christmas story of my second son, Warren, and of how to him at the age of 4 came the disillusionment about Santa Claus. Warren believed in Santa. Only at a department store, when Santa asked him: "What shall I bring you?" Warren folded his arms and said "Guess" . . . A week ago Saturday Warren went to the City Center for the Children's War Relief show. He clutched in his hand the 2-cent allowance he gets from his elder brother, George, who gets an allowance of 12 cents. A news photographer selected Warren, at random, to pose backstage with Santa Claus. "Hello, Warren," Santa greeted him, "how are your brothers George and Jeff?" And Warren penetrating the beard disguise knew there is no Santa Claus, for he recognized Santa as his "Uncle Louis" Calhern.

On their way to a Staten Island Army hospital where they perform in a condensed version of "The Man Who Came to Dinner," the cast noticed the Statue of Liberty. "Look," gasped Morton DaCosta, "they've erected a monument to Hildegarde" . . . Gen. David Sarnoff's retirement from the Army is expected this week . . . Senator Happy Chandler, on his way to the Capitol, asked his companion about the time. "You'll get there 40 minutes early," Chandler was told. He replied: "Good. That'll give me 40 minutes time to do some favors for a lot of ungrateful soandsos who will never appreciate what a tough time a politician has."

Margot Stevenson, now appearing at the City Center in "Little Women," played the ingenue in "You Can't Take It With You," before she went to Hollywood. Miss Stevenson was born to the theater. Her father was Charles Alexander Stevenson, the matinee idol of his day. He appeared as the leading man with some of the most talented actresses in America . . . "My father," Miss Stevenson reported, "became famous with 'DuBarry'" . . . "Not the real one," she was teased . . . "No. This was better than the real DuBarry," Miss Stevenson explained. "This was Mrs. Leslie Carter as 'DuBarry.'"

HEDDA HOPPER

Could Be Biography!

Hollywood, Dec. 31.—Cary Grant's next will be "A Very Remarkable Fellow," which Harriet Parsons will produce at RKO. . . .

CARY GRANT

Hedy Lamarr has a quaint way of entertaining her dinner guests. She demonstrates how easily John Loder can fall asleep. After they've dined, Hedy just says, "Go to sleep, now, baby," and he does. . . . The Betty Field and Zachary Scott love scene, taken in cotton fields for "Hold Autumn in Your Hand," must have caught fire. Anyway, the Hays office put it out—right out of the picture. . . . The Victor Moores are taking her mamma along to New York for that musical show, "Call Me Lucky." Bill Gaxton, who's also in it, will be there waiting to greet them. . . . Gene Krupa, who's sending jitterbugs mad at the Palladium, is being paged by RKO for "Boy Meets Band." . . . Joan Loring, that fine little actress that Warners' signed up on a long term contract, goes into "Three Strangers," with Geraldine Fitzgerald, Sydney Greenstreet and Peter Lorre.

Holiday Party Events

Overheard at the David Selznicks' plush Christmas party—Maria Montez saying, "O, no. Maria Montez does not approve of that." Now she's been nicknamed "Miss Victoria Queen." . . . At same place, Adrian's Janet looked like a 16th century lady about step into her coach and four. . . . At a dinner party the other night at Arthur Hornblow's two ladies practically put on boxing gloves over the color of Greer Garson's hair. Princess Yourievitch said, "It's the loveliest color I've ever seen and, unlike yours and mine, Greer's is real." The battle was on because Miss Montez, whose hair was black a few months ago but now is red, swears it was never any other color. . . . It was so nice seeing Dixie Crosby at Merle Oberon's. I wish Dixie would start doing imitations of Bing again. She used to, years ago, and had everybody in hysterics. Our boys in the hospitals would simply love them. I wonder if anybody's ever asked her to. Well, I'm asking now. . . . Maxine Andrews, of the singing Andrews, and husband, Lou Levy, are moving into Jimmy Van Heusen's hilltop home. . . . Mrs. Sam Wood was rushed to the hospital with a serious ear infection.

Grin and Bear It

By Lichty

"Hon. Spy report nation-wide mad dog epidemic in U. S. —everybody ask for 'hair of dog that bit me' . . ."

Berrysville Soldier Wounded 2d Time

Berryville, Va., Dec. 31.—Staff Sergt. Fred C. Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Pierce, was wounded in action in Germany on December 7. He had previously been wounded on D-Day.

Mary Haworth's Mail

Young Wife Longs to Make Home With Officer Husband at His Post, but Committed Herself To Be Father's Housekeeper Three Years Ago

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: Three years ago, on my mother's death, I resigned my job and returned, with my husband, to live in my father's home,—at his request. An older married sister was living in the same city with her family; and an unmarried sister and brother were still at home with father. Shortly afterward, my husband entered the armed forces and my brother got married and established his own home. This left my sister and me with father.

Last year I was able to spend several months with my husband at his camp. I came back to father's home for two reasons—first, because my sister was ill and had quit her job, and second, because I had become pregnant and wished to be under my own doctor's care. A month after I returned, my sister got married and moved to another city. Now I have a child, almost a year old, and my husband is still in this country. He has held a commission for two years and we now have the means to live comfortably together.

I have approached other members of the family about taking care of dad, so I can live with my husband; but they merely shrug their shoulders and lift their eyebrows. Also, I have suggested to dad that he get a housekeeper, so that I could spend at least six months with my husband, who is only 500 miles away,—but his only answer was a very blank stare. This is a very unsatisfactory existence for me, and my child is being outrageously spoiled by his grandfather,—when I feel that he should, while he can, have the advantage of knowing his own father. Can you give me any help? O. B.

Present Policy Is Shortsighted

DEAR O. B.: Since you suggest a housekeeper for your father, that must mean he can afford one. And if such is the case, there is no real justification for neglecting your husband and letting your marriage go to seed, as you have been doing for more than two years.

If the whole truth were told, I imagine we would learn that you hastened back home at the first hint of welcome, with the idea of making life easier for yourself,—possibly because you were tired of job-holding, and figured that housekeeping for dad would be a good way to make both ends meet without clock-punching,—and now feel yourself stuck with a bargain that boomeranged. This is the only way I can account for your theory that you are obliged to stay with him, while the others casually disavow any special responsibilities. And this inference is strengthened by your significant remark that your husband "now has the means" to support you comfortably.

Better Hasten To Her Husband

AS FOR what to do now,—even if you would be venturing hardships, and visiting some difficulties on your father, in permanently pulling up stakes and going back to your husband, still I would say that you ought to go, for certain positive reasons. 1. Because as a wife, your first duty is to your husband, not your father,—as any wise, unselfish, well-wishing parent would readily concede. 2. Because it is in your child's best interests to be closely associated with his father from his earliest years, primarily that the father may develop in practice,—as it can only be developed,—a genuine, seriously attentive devotion to him. And 3. Because it is "agin' nature" to suppose your husband will limp along perennially without feminine companionship; and it behooves you to get on your job as his wife, and tie up the loose ends of his life, before some other woman takes possession of his heart, and you find yourself unwanted and out in the cold.

Now, how to get going, when the family won't cooperate? That's simple enough, once your mind is made up. Just pull out, and let the others make the best of it. All you owe your dad is a months' advance notice to him,—and to his other three children,—that you are shoving off, bag and baggage, say February 1, to make your home with your husband; and in the meantime, they'd better get busy with replacement plans, and you'll be glad to do anything you can to help, before you go. I am assuming, of course, that your husband would welcome a sudden descent. But just to be sure, you ought to clear matters with him at once.

M. H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column; not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of The Post.

Keep Mind and Body Agile To Grow Old Gracefully

By Ida Jean Kain

Growing old gracefully has come to mean any number of things, like having enough money to get along comfortably, keeping a philosophical outlook on life so it continues to be rich in the things money can't buy, and like good wines, getting more mellow instead of vinegary, as time goes by.

But literally, growing old gracefully means without getting stiff. Many times I've watched the old people shuffle slowly along upper Broadway in our neighborhood. A lot of them can hardly walk a full block, and they move with extremely limited motion at the hip joints and as if their knee joints wouldn't bend. Most of them are expensively dressed, so they must be well off, but they don't look as if they enjoy life.

Walks Everywhere

I can't help but contrast them to a little 82-year-old auntie of mine who thinks nothing of walking five miles at a clip. She has worked hard all her life and has walked practically every place she ever went.

The secret of growing old without getting stiff is in keeping complete range of motion in the joints. My old doctor friend who claims that his joints are a good 15 years younger than he is, says everyone should put all joints through the normal range of motion every day, then they won't get rusty.

To loosen up the knee joints sit on a table, legs hanging free, and swing legs back and forth at the knee joints. Swing free and easy. Then, holding the knees together, swing from side to side. Follow this with a deep knee bend. If they snap and crack as you go down it's fair warning, exercise is needed.

Limber Hip Joints

To limber up the hip joints: Stand beside the table, hand on table for support, and swing the outside leg back and forth from all the hip joint, loose and limber. It's all right to let the knee joint bend as you swing. Then make small circles, from the hip, three in one direction, and three in the opposite direction.

To keep from getting stodgy at the midriff, bend. Sit on a stool or a chair and circle at the waist, moving sideward-forward-sideward and back to starting position. Reverse and circle in the opposite direction.

Circle your head, touching chin to one shoulder and then the other; swing alternate arms at the shoulders, forward, up, back and down, out to sides then up overhead and down. Circle the shoulders, forward, upward, backward and downward.

That's the way to grow old gracefully!

Mineral in Babies' Diets Affect Shape and Size of Legs

By Myrtle Meyer Eldred

No matter what the inherited shape of the leg it should have straight and strong bones, if the general nutrition is all that it ought to be.

When the child's legs bend in or out, when the ankle bones curve toward each other or are exaggeratedly prominent, one has to suspect that at some time or another the nutrition has been faulty and the growth of the bones has been influenced.

Vitamin D Valuable in Diet

Minerals which are present in the diet have a special affinity for the bones, teeth and nervous system. In the body's effort to deposit minerals where they are most needed, vitamin D is a valuable aid. Fish liver oils or concentrates or viosterol help the body to make the most economical use of minerals supplied by the diet.

When the diet is poor and vitamin D lacking, rickets may develop. It is a disease of childhood characterized by bones that may grow deformed in various ways because of lack of proper nutrition.

Girl Has Crooked Ankles

A reader asks this question. "Can anything be done to straighten the ankles of an 8-year-old child? The upper leg is straight. The child has been wearing corrective shoes for years without improvement. Can anything else be done?"

It is just possible, since obviously the child has had good medical attention and a good diet, that the cramped position of the child's legs in utero might have been responsible for this long-time condition.

Watch Diet in Future

But, to make usre you are doing everything just as correctly as possible, do be critical of her present diet to see that she eats every day the foods that will supply her body with its needs. In addition there would be no harm in continuing Vitamin D, especially during the winter months when she may be reluctant to get sufficient outdoor exercise and sunshine.

Then take the child to an orthopedic surgeon who will examine the ankles and give you professional advice on what might be done to alter their shape.

MISS VIRGINIA THURSTON
. . . She'll be a Navy bride

Belgian Envoy, Wife, Honored At Luncheon

One of the most elegant fetes on yesterday's crowded social calendar was Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Davies' farewell luncheon for the retiring Belgian Ambassador, Count Robert van der Straten Ponthos, and his lovely wife, Countess van der Straten-Ponthos.

Guests included the Vice President and Mrs. Henry Wallace, Admiral and Mrs. Adolphus Andrews, Secretary of Commerce and Mrs. Jesse Jones, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Edwin Watson, Vice Admiral and Mrs. Emory S. Land, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss, Baron and Baroness Herve de Gruben of the Belgian Embassy, Miss Nedenia Hutton, Mrs. Robert L. Grosjean, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krock.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Davies' house guests, Jean Gordon and H. B. Close, both of New York.

Miss Thurston Engaged to Wed Midshipman

Mrs. Elliott Thurston announces the engagement of her daughter, Virginia, to Midshipman Peter MacDougall Coope, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Frederick Coope of Carlsbad, N. Mex. No definite date has been set for the wedding.

A graduate of Western High School, Miss Thurston is now a student at Smith College. Mr. Coope was graduated from New Mexico Military Institute and will complete his training at Annapolis in June at the United States Naval Academy.

Father of the bride-elect is Elliott Thurston, special assistant to the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Major Cook, Wife, Entertain With Music

There was music in the air—and good music too—when Maj. Philip Cook of the Canadian Joint Staff and Mrs. Cook entertained a group of their friends Saturday night at their home at a pre-New Year's Eve party.

Strictly informal was the musical fete that featured Emanuel Vardi, viola soloist of the U. S. Navy Orchestra, and his accompanist, Irving Owen. The two gave a preveiw of their recital which was held last night.

Mrs. Patrick J. Hurley, wife of the U. S. Ambassador to China, was the ranking guest.

Others present included Air Vice Marshal George Walsh of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Air Commodore and Mrs. D. L. Blackford, Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. Walter R. Amesbury, jr., Lieut. and Mrs. Merritt K. Ruddock, Mrs. R. E. Schuirman, Dr. V. Nikolayevitch, Lieut. George Bolette of the Cuban Embassy, Lieut. Jack Meikle, Miss Susan Crawford and several others.

Town Talk—

International Romance Blossoms In Snowy Park; Anis Azer Plays Host

By Eva Hinton

INSTEAD of making resolutions for 1945, I am going to thank the people who have done most to keep my home together in 1944. I am thanking them, not so much because they have made me so comfortable that I hardly have felt the war in a material way (for this I feel a bit guilty and very grateful), but because they represent hundreds of thousands of other people who have labored endlessly to keep the homes of America functioning during this war.

Thank you, Elizabeth, for your cheerfulness and humor, for your happy nature and dependability. Thank you for your sincere interest in the family welfare and for keeping this house clean and tidy and for good cooking. Thank you for making home a pleasant place for our two servicemen to come back to.

Thank you, Karl Herman and Mrs. Herman and daughter, Cecile, for working long, back-breaking hours to see that every family, poor and rich, among your customers gets the kind and amount of food they need, and that no one gets more than his share. And thank you for being always agreeable and obliging, no matter how tired you are, and for never once saying, "Don't you know there's a war on?"

Thank you, Dennis Duvall, for keeping my vintage car in such good condition that it breathes exactly like a baby, burps and all. And thank you for having driven Lieut. Harold Hinton, and Marine Corporal Bill Blair to school every morning for five long years when they were squirmy kids instead of defenders of their country. And thank you for keeping them in a state of hilarity by singing raucously all the way to school, and threatening to come into the assembly-hall and sing for the whole student body and the Rev. Albert Lucas, headmaster. And thank you, too, for making your concert contingent on the presence of absolutely EVERY student, a contingency which never arose because no school is ever without a head-cold or a measle at home. And thank you for never having raised the price of anything in more than 11 years, and for the blithe spirit of your service that money couldn't pay for.

Thank you all, and a Happy New Year, and may every family have such friends!

MRS. NEWBOLD NOYES, mother of pretty Deb, Lelia Dickey, says she feels like the missing-link in beauty's Daisy-Chain, or perhaps just the "Missing-Link." The other afternoon at Lelia's debut tea, Mrs. Noyes and Leila were standing with Mrs. George Barnett (their mother and grandmother respectively) when a dowager rushed at them burbling compliments.

Said she, "Lelia you are beautiful and you look just like your grandmother!" Then turning to Mrs. Noyes she explained, "You see, these traits always skip a generation."

NATIONS-CAN-be-united Department: The other frosty, starlit night an international romance, which budded from a friendship formed at the United Nations Club, blossomed in, of all places snowy Meridian Hill Park.

The hero of the romance is French, the heroine American. He gallantly stepped out the words, "I love you," in the fresh snow. She stood far enough away not to spoil the letters and said, "Darling, I pity every girl in this world who hasn't had a love-letter written to her in the snow by starlight."

ANIS AZER, Minister Counselor of the Egyptian Legation, was host at an informal holiday party the other evening. He served some very special fruit-cake and grand fine champagne—vintage 1811.

The cake was made by the chef of the Egyptian Legation who has a special recipe learned during his six-year apprenticeship under the world-famous caterer, Groppi of Cairo. Groppi is the miracle-man who can prepare a party for 4000 people on 24 hours' notice. Before the war he prided himself on being able to produce any known dish in the world for that many guests.

Groppi also makes candies, some of which sell for as high as $800 a box. Actually it is the boxes which give fabulous value to the bonbons, some being of French porcelain with hand-painted miniatures. The $800. ones would have to be made of solid gold, liberally sprinkled with square-cut diamonds (large) even to draw a glance from the average flat-pursed post-holiday Washington shopper.

Pvt. Ettleman, Charleston Girl Wedded Here

Now on a wedding trip in New York are Pvt. Benjamin Ettleman, paratrooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ettleman of Waashington, and his bride, the former Miss Evelyn Miriam Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isador Davidson of Charleston, W. Va.

Rabbi M. H. Levinson performed the double ring ceremony at high noon Sunday in his study in Washington. Mr. Davidson gave his daughter in marriage.

Attired in a street-length dress of white wool made with peplum and bracelet length sleeves, the bride wore a white hat with black accessories. Her white jeweled prayer book had an orchid marker.

Serving as matron of honor for her sister was Mrs. Charles L. Kerstein of Charleston, who wore a two-piece frock of fuchsia wool and corsage of talisman roses and sweetpeas. Miss Thelma Goodman, Wave, was maid of honor and the bridegroom had his brother, Joseph Ettleman, as best man. A wedding dinner followed the ceremony.

For traveling the bride chose a suit of magenta wool with matching accessories and orchid corsage. The couple plans to live near Camp Mackall, N. C.

The bride, who has been employed in the War Department in Washington for more than two years, was graduated from Charleston Business College and West Virginia University.

Ration Points

JANUARY 1, 1945

MEATS, FATS, ETC. Book 4, red stamps, NOT GOOD A-8 through Z-8 and A-5 through P-5. Red stamps good Q-5, R-5 and S-5, also T-5, U-5, V-5, W-5 and X-5 are good for 10 points each.

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Today's Radio Programs

Monday, January 1 — Washington — Eastern War Time

WMAL 630	WRC 980	WOL 1260	WINX 1340	WWDC 1450	WTOP 1500
Prelude, 6:05-7. News, 6, 7 and 8:30. Wills, 7:45. Town Clock, 7:10-7:45, 8-9.	Bill Herson, 6:05-9. World Roundup, 8. News at 6, 7, 7:55 and 8:30.	Prayer, 5:30. News, 5:45, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30. Art Brown, 6:35-9.	Jerry Strong, 6-9, from Walter Reed. News, 6, 7, 7:30, 8.	Serenade, 6:05-6:30. Crowley, 6:45-7. Hunnicutt, 7:05-9. News, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:30.	Corn Squeezing Time, 5:45-6:45. Godfrey, 7 to 9:15. News, 6:45, 7:30 and 8. Mahoney, 7:40
9 :00 Breakfast Club :15 " " :30 " " :45 " "	Mirth and Madness (Ransom Sherman) News Broadway Melodies	News; Art Brown Brown at the Organ Listen Ladies " "	News; Music Music in the Air Traffic Court " "	Mike Hunnicutt " " News; Mike Hunnicutt Mike Hunnicutt	News, Godfrey Home Service Daily CBS Air Theater " "
10 :00 My True Story :15 " " " :30 Cliff Edwards :45 One Woman's Opin'n	Lora Lawton News Finders Keepers " "	Mr. Moneybags New Year's Day With the Troops Shady Valley Folks	News; Music Hall Music Hall " " " "	Bing Crosby Frankie Carle News; Good Neighbor Good Neighbor Club	Valiant Lady Light of the World Evelyn Winters Bachelor's Children
11 :00 Breakfast at Sardi's :15 " " " :30 Ruth Crane :45 " "	Road of Life Rosemary Star Playhouse David Harum	News, Billy Repaid Need Advice? Melody Time What's Your Ideal	News; Symphony Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 " "	" " " " " " News; Morning Matinee	Honeymoon Hill Second Husband Bright Horizon Aunt Jenny
12 :00 News; Evans :15 Little Show :30 Glamour Manor :45 " "	News; Improvisations Look to This Day Matinee Today " "	News; Gabriel Heatter Luncheon Music Russ Hodges " "	WINX News It's Bing Weather; Music Luncheon Lyrics	News " News; Luncheon With 400	Kate Smith Speaks Big Sister Helen Trent Our Gal Sunday
1 :00 Forcast For 1945 :15 " " " :30 " " " :45 " " "	Nancy Osgood " " Poet's Corner Morgan Beatty	News, Walter Compt'n Russ Hodges " " " "	WINX News Musical Bouquets " " " "	All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman	Life Can Be Beautiful Ma Perkins News, Bernadine Flynn Orange Bowl Game
2 :00 Music Box :15 " " :30 " " :45 Sugar Bowl	Guiding Light Today's Children Women in White Church Hymns	Cotton Bowl Football Game " " " " " "	This We Have Done " " " " Conversation Piece On New Year's Day	All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman	" " " " " " " " " " " "
3 :00 Football Game :15 " " " :30 " " " :45 " " "	Woman of America Ma Perkins Pepper Young's Family Right to Happiness	" " " " " " " "	WINX News T for Two " " " " "	Tony Wakeman All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman All Sports Parade	" " " " " " " " " " " "
4 :00 " " " :15 " " " :30 " " " :45 Hop Harrigan	Backstage Wife Stella Dallas Lorenzo Jones Rose Bowl Game	" " " " " " East-West	News; Rhythm Range Rhythm Range Jam for Supper " "	All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman	News, Bob Trout Uncle Bill " " " "
5 :00 Terry & Pirates :15 Dick Tracy :30 Jack Armstrong :45 Captain Midnight	" " " " " " " " " " " "	Football Game " " " " "	News; Music Hall Music Hall " " " "	Band of the Day Sinatra vs. Crosby News; Theater of the Air	Sing Along Club Stump Us; News United Nations Mov' Stump Us
6 :00 News, Optimists :15 Earl Godwin :30 World at War :45 Walter Kiernan	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	WINX News Sunset Serenade Hollywood News News for Young Amer'	News; Melody Lane Melody Lane Richard Eaton All Sports Parade	Mahoney, Costello Lyn Murray Show "6:30 Show" News, J. Harsch
7 :00 Heidt Time for Hires :15 " " " " :30 The Lone Ranger :45 " "	" " " " Stringtime Herson in Person	" " Today in History Duckpin Derby Dinner Concert	WINX News Close Harmony Charles Pergler News; Help Wanted	Romantic Rendezvous Roosevelt Hotel Orch. Talking Pictures Bible Question Box	Jack Kirkwood Hedda Hopper Thanks to the Yank " " " "
8 :00 Ted Malone :15 Lum 'n Abner :30 Blind Date :45 " "	Cavalcade of America " " Voice of Firestone " "	Sizing Up the News Doctors Courageous Sherlock Holmes " "	Short But Sweet For the Veterans Harmony Hall " "	St. Mary's Novena " " News; 1450 Club 1450 Club	"Vox Pop" " Burns and Allen " " , New
9 :00 Counterspy :15 " :30 Spotlight Bands :45 (Tony Pastor)	Telephone Hour " " Information Please " "	News, G. Heatter Real Life Stories Wake Up America " " "	News; Symphony Walton's Belshazzar's Feast	1450 Club " " News; 1450 Club 1450 Club	Lux Radio Theater " " " " " "
10 :00 Guy Lombardo's Or. :15 " " " :30 Mel'dy in the Night :45 " " "	Contented Program " Dr. I. Q. " " "	News, Gladstone Modern Melodies World's Most Honored Music	News; Memories Memories Moonlight Melodies Eddie Nesbitt	" " " " News; 1450 Club 1450 Club	Screen Guild Player " " Johnny Morgan Show " "
11 :00 News; Evans :15 Hour of Dreams :30 " " :45 " "	News; Music Richard Harkness The Editors Speak " " "	News, Billy Repaid George Sterney's Or. Leo Reisman's Orch. " " "	News; Musical Roundup Del Rio Club " "	Club Ball Revue " " " News, Hits of Day Hits of the Day	News, Daly and Hear Arch McDonald's "Moondial" Let's Listen

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The Federal Diary

By Jerry Kluttz

Biddle to Make Report On Cartels This Week

DIARY NOTES: This week Attorney General Biddle will send the Congress a report on how cartels and other monopolies are hampering war production and how they may destroy the peace. Congress asked for the report by January 3. . . . Charles Mahaffie, the Interstate Commerce Commissioner, whose term expires today, can have a job that'll pay more than double his $12,000 ICC salary if he isn't reappointed. He's perhaps the Government's foremost authority on railroad financing and he has been offered an attractive position to advise investors in railroad securities. Southern members of Congress are trying to block his reappointment. . . . A three-man board to dispose of surplus property abroad may be created. It should consist of representatives of Foreign Economic Administration, the Army and the Navy.

KLUTTZ

My dealer tells me we'll now have plenty of gas. He says PAW withheld it during the holidays to keep Federal workers from going home. PAW says nuts. . . . Leave for scores of employes was canceled for today and they've been told to put in a full day on the job. The agencies had planned to follow a liberal policy on holidays, starting today, but the order for full production came from F. D. R. himself. Labor Secretary Frances Perkins brought the matter up in a Cabinet meeting. She proposed that most employes on nonwar work be released today. F. D. R. said no with emphasis. Employes who are absent today without excuse will be charged with a day's pay. . . . Charles Greenwood, the oldest Capitol Hill secretary in point of service, retires today. He has served seven members of Congress since 1900, the latest being Representative Douglass of New York.

Cabell Phillips has resigned as assistant director of public relations at Justice to reenter newspaper work. . . . Senator McKellar has recommended Ridley Mitchell, a former Tennessee member of Congress, for appointment as director of Justice's Lands Division. . . . James H. Edwards retires today from the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. He was chief of the Division of International Economy. . . . Navy Secretary Forrestal has again urged F. D. R. to nominate Struvel Hensel to be his Assistant Secretary. Hensel is now doing the job, but he hasn't the title. . . . United Federal Workers are conducting a membership drive at the Library of Congress. . . . Office of Price Administration is recruiting new employes to handle the new rationing programs. . . . Fred Mills has replaced John W. Hunt in the office of the First Assistant Postmaster General.

FDR, it's reported, will ask the new Congress to make extensive revisions of Social Security; to extend Social Security to all wage earners and farmers; to lower the retirement age from 70 to 65, and to cover Federal and other public employes under unemployment compensation. The recommendations are bound to have a big effect on Government employes and the Civil Service retirement system. Eventually, the two systems will be tied closely together and as Social Security is liberalized steps will be taken to ease the Civil Service system. The compulsory retirement age in Government is now 70 and when the war is over and manpower is plentiful it is certain that employes will be given the privilege of retiring at earlier ages. The compulsory retirement age is likely to be cut down to 65 to make room for veterans.

However, Social Security and Civil Service haven't worked well together. Civil Service people have a deep-seated fear that Social Security wants to gobble up their system. For example, the two agencies have worked for months, without success, on a comparatively simple problem. They haven't been able to agree on how the Social Security account of a temporary Government worker should be kept current. The new Congress is certain to try to correct this problem and it could do the job easily if the two agencies involved could agree on how it should be done.

Tens of thousands of Federal workers are involved—all employes who will have served Uncle Sam less than five years. The way it is now, an employe who serves less than five years is given back the money he paid into Civil Service when he leaves the Government. Anyone who serves five or more years will be given an annuity. But Social Security now must penalize the person who spends a year or so in Government. . . . That person isn't credited with time worked and his pension will be proportionately lowered. Many people would like to be able to pay up their Social Security accounts to cover short Government service. They can't do it now; there's no provision for it, and Social Security and Civil Service haven't been able to agree on how they could. F. D. R., in his forthcoming message on Social Security, may ask Congress to do something about it. If he doesn't, the Civil Service committees of the House and Senate are certain to look into it.

Candy

Home Agent Quits In Spotsylvania

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 31.—The Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors has accepted the resignation of Mrs. W. A. Harris as home demonstration agent for the county, effective January 15. No successor has been named.

Agriculture Census To Start Next Monday

Manassas, Va., Dec. 30.—The 1945 Census of Agriculture in Prince William will start the week of January 8, according to announcement of R. B. Gossom, local supervisor of District 2 which includes 15 Northern Virginia counties. Four enumerators have been selected to handle the work of enumerating all farms in the county and they will attend an instruction school before beginning the work. They are Miss Zella Cornwell, Manassas, R.F.D.; William Henry Fletcher, Haymarket; Edgar B. Heflin, Haymarket, and Grady B. Cooper, Manassas, R.F.D.

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MONDAY

MORNING

6:00 Uncle Joe.
6:45 Cordwood.
7:00 News.
7:05 Sunrise Salute.
7:15 Corwood and Bedford.
7:30 Sunrise Salute.
8:00 World News.
8:15 The Jubilaires.
8:30 News.
9:00 Morning Devotions.
9:15 School of the Air.
9:45 This Life Is Mine.
10:00 News.
10:05 Town Crier.
10:15 Cordwood.
10:30 Changing World.
10:45 Gospel Songs.
11:00 Tom and Herb.
11:15 Doc Williams.
11:30 Bright Horizons.
11:45 Farm Time With Uncle Joe.

AFTERNOON

12:01 Bedford News.
12:15 Big Sister.
12:30 Helen Trent.
12:45 Our Gal Sunday.
1:00 Old Familiar Hymns.
1:30 Millie and Mollie.
1:45 Doc Williams.
2:00 Dixie Rogers.
2:30 Tom and Herb.
3:00 Mary Marlin.
3:15 Merrill Fennigan.
3:30 High Places.
3:45 News, Bob Trout.
4:00 Service Time.
4:30 Raymond Scott Show.
5:00 Sing Along Club.
5:15 Name You Will Remember.
5:30 Treasury Department Presents.
5:45 Sports Parade.
6:00 Quincy Howe.

EVENING

6:15 Musical Varieties.
6:30 Sally Moore.
6:45 Dinner Music.
7:00 Preview of Programs.
7:15 Hedda Hopper.
7:30 Thanks to the Yanks.
8:00 Americans Speak.
8:30 Frank Sinatra.
9:00 Lux Theater.
10:00 Screen Guild Players.
10:30 Johnny Morgan Show.
11:00 News.
11:15 Danny O'Neill.
11:30 Jerry Wald Orchestra.

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1450 Kilocycles

MONDAY

MORNING

7:00 Musical Clock.
8:00 Martin Agronsky.
8:15 Morning Melodies.
8:30 News Correspondents.
8:45 Lucky Lady.
9:00 Breakfast Club.
10:00 True Story.
10:30 Cliff Edwards.
10:45 One Woman's Opinion.
11:00 Breakfast at Sardi's.
11:30 News.
11:45 Sunny Side of the Street.

AFTERNOON

12:00 Glamour Manor.
12:30 News; Devotions.
12:45 Town Crier.
12:55 Movie Guide.
1:00 Forecast For '45.
2:30 Show Tune Time.
2:45 Sugar Bowl Football Game.
5:30 Jack Armstrong.
5:45 10-2-4 Ranch.

EVENING

6:00 Kiernan's News Corner.
6:15 Tire Recapping Time.
6:30 News; Songs.
6:45 Richfield Reporter.
7:00 Wayne King.
7:15 Service Unlimited.
7:30 To Be Announced.
7:45 Confidentially Yours.
8:00 News and Ted Malone.
8:15 Lum and Abner.
8:30 Blind Date.
9:00 Counter Spy.
9:30 Spotlight Bands.
10:00 Guy Lombardo.
10:30 Good Old Days.
11:00 Music You Want.
11:30 Saludos Amigos.
12:00 News.
12:05 Sign Off.

WFVA

1300 Kilocycles

MONDAY

MORNING

7:45 Music.
8:00 Martin Agronsky.
8:15 Hour of Prayer.
8:30 News Summary.
8:45 Morning Devotions.
9:00 Breakfast Club.
10:00 My True Story.
10:30 Name the Tune.
10:45 Morning Melodies.
11:00 Breakfast at Sardi's.
11:30 Gil Martyn—News.
11:45 Gossip for Girls.

AFTERNOON

12:00 Band of the Week.
12:15 Chief Alton Prix.
12:30 Farm and Home Hour.
1:00 Baukage—News.
1:15 Lum 'n' Abner.
1:30 Concert Hall.
2:00 Kiernan's Corner.
2:15 Hollywood Hits.
2:35 Ladies Be Seated.
2:45 Money Man.
3:00 Morton Downey.
3:15 Star Time.
3:30 Appointment with Life.
4:00 Ethel and Albert.
4:15 Mary Washington College.
4:30 Time Views the News.
4:45 Hop Harrigan.
5:00 Terry and the Pirates.
5:15 Dick Tracy.
5:30 Jack Armstrong.
5:45 Captain Midnight.
6:00 Melody Time.
6:15 Charlie King, Music.
6:30 Sign Off.

FREDERICKBURG BROADCASTING Fredericksburg, Va.

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1400 Kilocycles

MONDAY

MORNING

7:00 Uncle Joe.
7:45 Morning Show.
8:00 Martin Agronsky.
8:15 Devotions.
8:30 News.
9:00 Breakfast Club.
10:00 True Story.
10:30 Martinsburg Wheel Program.
10:45 Cabbages and Kinzs.
11:00 Breakfast at Sardi's.
11:30 News.
11:45 Health Talk.
12:00 Hit Parade.

AFTERNOON

12:00 Melodies.
12:15 10-2-4 Ranch.
12:30 Farm and Home Program.
1:15 Radio Bible School.
1:45 Little Jack Little.
2:00 News.
2:15 The Mystery Chef.
2:30 Ladies, Be Seated.
3:00 Morton Downey.
3:15 Star Time.
3:30 Appointment With Life.
4:00 Blue Frolics.
4:15 Rev Harry James.
4:30 News.
4:45 Sea Hound.
5:00 Terry and Pirates.
5:15 Dick Tracy.
5:30 Jack Armstrong.
5:45 Captain Midnight.

EVENING

6:00 Good Neighbor.
6:10 Don't You Believe It.
6:15 Spin and Win.
6:30 Evening Reveries.
6:45 Henry Taylor, News.
7:00 Heidt Time.
7:30 Concert Hall.
8:00 News.
8:15 Lum and Abner.
8:30 Blind Date.
9:00 Counter Spy.
9:30 Spotlight Band.
10:00 Raymond Gram Swing.
10:15 Top of the Evening.
10:30 Sign Off.

WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

WJEJ

1240 Kilocycles

MONDAY

MORNING

7:00 Early Bird.
8:45 Family Altar.
9:00 Organ Melodies.
9:30 Man With a Band.
10:00 Billy Repaid.
10:15 Morning Devotions.
10:30 Shady Valley Folks.
11:00 Arthur Gaeth.
11:15 Saddle Pals.
11:45 Interlude.

AFTERNOON

12:00 News and Gabriel Heatter.
12:15 Music in Letter Vein.
12:30 Band Stand.
12:45 To Be Announced.
1:00 Ray Pady.
1:15 Soil Conservation.
1:30 Lunch with Lopez.
1:45 American Woman's Jury.
2:00 Cotton Bowl Game.
4:45 East-West Game.

EVENING

7:30 Old Corral.
7:45 Voice of the Army.
8:00 Cecil Brown.
8:15 Sunny Skylar.
8:30 Music and Song.
9:00 Gabriel Heatter.
9:15 Frankie Carle.
9:30 Music of Worship.
10:00 Henry Gladstone.
10:15 Paul Schubert.
10:30 Martree.
10:45 Lew Diamond.
11:00 Band: Sports.
11:20 Sign Off.

WSVA

550 Kilocycles

MONDAY

MORNING

6:30 Rev. Malden.
6:45 News, Markets.
7:00 Red Belcher.
7:15 Trading Post.
7:30 News.
7:45 Plough Boys.
8:00 Curley Joe.
8:15 Smiles.
8:30 Lee Moore.
9:00 Kitchen Frolic.
9:30 Johnson Trio.
9:45 News.
10:00 Buddy Starcher.
10:30 Sixth War Loan Program.
10:45 Women's Page.
11:00 News.
11:15 Reed Organ.
11:30 Lee Moore.

AFTERNOON

12:00 Juanita.
12:15 Purple Sage Trio.
12:30 News.
12:45 Markets.
1:00 10-2-4 Ranch.
1:15 Campfire Roundup.
2:00 News.
2:15 Town Crier.
2:30 Buddy Starcher.
3:00 Lee Moore.
3:30 News.
3:45 Modern Romances.
4:00 Road of Life.
4:15 Life Can Be Beautiful.
4:30 Ma Perkins.
4:45 U. P. News.
5:00 Story Lady.
5:15 Jimmy Allen.
5:30 Hayden Families.
5:45 News.
6:00 Sign Off.

Virginians Spent $26,458 In House Race

By the Associated Press

The 19 persons who sought Virginia's nine Congressional seats in the November 7 election spent $26,458.63 bidding for votes.

Reports required by Congress show they received aggregate contributions of $22,195.75.

The most costly campaign in the State was that of D. Wampler Earman of Harrisonburg, who reported he spent $4,878.50 in his unsuccessful attempt to unseat Representative Robertson (D., Va.), in the Seventh District.

Earman, a Republican, reported contributions exactly equalling his expenses. He received contributions from more than 80 individuals and organizations, including donations of $1500 from the Republican National Committee, $750 from Curtis Dozier, $300 from Maj. C. S. Roller and $200 each from Henry Wise and Russell Harrison.

Robertson spent $1594.23 and reported contributions of $550, including $500 from F. W. Robertson of Huntington, W. Va., and $50 from the Democratic National Congressional Committee.

Representative Satterfield (D., Va.), who was reelected without opposition in the Third District but later resigned, and Representative Drewry (D., Va.), also unopposed in the Fourth District, each reported no contributions and no expenditures.

In the Eighth District's spirited four-way contest, the most costly campaign was that of Elizabeth Chilton Murray, independent, Democratic candidate from Fairfax. She reported expenditures of $3538.28 against contributions of $3099.19.

Representative Smith (D., Va.), who was reelected in the Eighth District, listed no contributions and expenditures of $384.

In the Ninth District, Representative Flannagan (D., Va.), received contributions of $2250 and spent $2412.75 in his successful bid for reelection. His entire contribution came from the Democratic National Congressional Committee.

His Republican opponent, Ralph L. Lincoln of Marion spent $1,691.86 and received contributions of $2600, including $1000 from the Virginia Republican finance committee, $500 from Curtis M. Dozier of Richmond and $350 from Henry W. Anderson of Richmond.

In the Second District, Representative Daughton (D., Va.), received contributions of $1844 and spent $1843.44 in winning the seat vacated by former Representative Winder R. Harris, who resigned. Contributions included $500 from the National Democrat Congressional Committee, $325 from the Norfolk City Democratic committee and $819 from himself. Duaghton's Republican opponent, Thomas L. Woodward of Suffolk reported expenses of $787.45 and no contributions.

Oscar Miller Begins 25th Year In Sheriff's Office

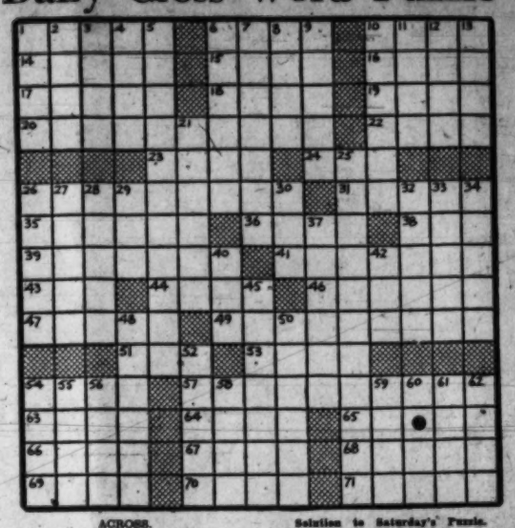
Martinsburg, W. Va., Dec. 31. Oscar B. Miller tomorrow will begin his twenty-fifth year of service as a member of the county sheriff's staff in one capacity or another.

Tomorrow, with other deputies, he continues as an office deputy by appointment under Sheriff-elect W. Strong Lewis. He has served in the same capacity under retiring Sheriff J. Howard Myers who completed, by appointment, the term of Sheriff Harry Miller and then held Miller for the full term to which he was elected. Miller entered county service as a deputy under the late Sheriff E. H. Tabler and was with Sheriff Miller in an earlier term. When J. C. McKown was named to the sheriff's office he retained Miller but shifted him from duties as a peace officer to clerical duties in the office at the court house. Sheriff E. D. Gardner continued him in that role, continuing through Sheriff Harry Miller's second term until the latter's death when Sheriff Myers was named. He continued Miller at the desks.

In addition to his quarter-century service with the county he has served two years in the office of city sergeant.

He is active in church work here.

Daily Cross Word Puzzle



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15 Suddenly flaring star
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17 Scents
18 Prune
19 Wing-shaped
20 Highly pleasing
22 Depend
23 Lineage
24 Rest
26 Forbearingly
31 Grates
35 Feminine name
36 Cauterize
38 Chum: colloq.
39 Compactness
41 Mean
43 Soak flax
44 River duck
46 Avoided
47 Worn away
49 Woman sponsor
51 Public notices: abbr.
53 Late autumn pear
54 Jot
57 Tending to pass through
63 Grasp
64 Fish sauce
65 Portends
66 Small brook
67 Feminine name
68 Legal claims
69 Recess
70 Compass point
71 Inspirit

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2 Burden
3 Image
4 Ireland
5 Refused to believe
6 Unimpaired
7 Wall brackets
8 Malevolent
9 Matrons
10 Greek city
11 Robust
12 Gem
13 Cautious
21 Wild dog of Asia
25 Unalterable
26 French priest
27 Mohametan prince
28 Too much: mus.
30 Corners
30 Affirmative vote
32 Digging implement
33 Errand boys
34 Winter vehicles
37 Reluctant
40 Snapish bark
42 Operated
45 Lip ornaments
48 Specimen
50 Male feline
52 Gaunt
54 City in India
55 Stumble
56 Lubricates
58 Charles Lamb's pen name
59 Labor
60 Concept
61 Outlet
62 Existence: Latin

Solution to Saturday's Puzzle.

CLIMB MAMA CHAB
RADIO IMAM HEIR
AMONG GARIBALDI
GELOGENIC EMMET
TENON ALP
BAL DIN BLUETS
AGES DEFLAGRATE
NONES TAU ATLAS
CROQUETTES YELP
AXUNGE JUT SKY
ENS BALES
ALOSA JACKSTRAW
TOOTHPICK TOUCH
MAZE OBOE ELITE
OMER PENT RENAN

Virginian to Get Honor Medal For Battle With 21 Germans

On the Fifth Army Front, Italy, Dec. 31 (AP).—Stocky, 28-year-old Lieut. Ernest Dervishian of Richmond, Va., who last May won an almost single-handed pitched battle with 21 Germans near Cisterna, will receive the Congressional Medal of Honor soon, either in a special ceremony here or when he returns to the United States.

His big battle occurred one day when his platoon was well ahead of the main advancing forces and flushed a group of nine Germans. They wounded three and six surrendered.

Dervishian, instructing his three companions to cover him, went ahead to cut off other Germans in a vineyard. He discovered they were in secret emplacements with automatic weapons, but that didn't stop him.

When the shooting was over and a tank had come to Dervishian's aid, 21 of the enemy surrendered and the Americans had captured all their automatic weapons.

Dervishian at that time was a technical sergeant in the Thirteenth Infantry Regiment, Thirty-fourth Division.

Before he entered the Army, he was an attorney in Richmond, where his mother lives.

Home, 4H Club Schedule Listed By Fairfax Agent

Mrs. Harriett E. Gordon, Fairfax home demonstration agent, announced yesterday eight meetings this week for home demonstration and 4-H Clubs.

Topics will be public health and prevention of disease.

The scheduled meetings are:

Dranesville Home Club, tomorrow, 10 a. m.; Lincolnia Home Club, tomorrow, 1 p. m.; Lorton Club, Wednesday, 1:30 p. m.; Annandale Club, Thursday, 1:30 p. m. and Groveton Club, Friday, 1:30 p. m.

The Lincolnia 4-H Club will meet Wednesday at 4:40 p. m.; Annandale 4-H Club, Thursday at 1:30 p. m. and the Groveton 4-H Club Friday at 1:30 p. m.

Two Army Fliers Visiting Parents

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 31.—Two Army fliers from this vicinity have returned from service overseas and are visiting their homes prior to reporting at redistribution stations for reassignment.

Lieut. James P. Simpson, copilot of a Liberator bomber and holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, is back from England where he served with the Eighth Air Force. He also was an instructor in combat flying. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Simpson, of Falmouth.

Sergt. Thomas Dew, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. Welch Dew, of Fredericksburg, returned from Italy after completing 48 missions in six months as a gunner on a bomber.

Alexandria Man, Gassed, Is Revived By Rescue Squad

An Alexandria rescue squad was created yesterday with saving the life of a car refueler who had fallen into the vent of a refrigerator car and was overcome with poisonous gas.

Police said Stacey Plummer, Negro, 44, 215 Northwest st., Alexandria, toppled into the vent of a banana car while refueling a heater. He was immediately overcome by carbon monoxide gas.

He was given artificial respiration at the scene and treated later at the Alexandria Hospital.

Va. Job Conrol Changes Are In Effect Today

Richmond, Va., Dec. 31 (AP).—Frank A. Cavedo, State manpower director, said today workers leaving employment in State and local governmental establishments and domestic service, starting tomorrow, will be subject to some regulations under the War Manpower Commission's program for Virginia.

The program changes follow:

"1. Workers leaving such government establishments will be treated as new entrants.

"2. Statements of availability are not required of workers leaving non-Federal Government employment unless the unit is covered under the program.

"3. However, referral on a priority basis is required of all males leaving non-Federal Governmental employment. Moreover, under area programs which have priority referrals of females also, and which are amended to exercise the option provided by WMC, females leaving non-Federal Governmental employment will be subject to priority referral.

"4. Workers leaving a governmental unit not covered and seeking employment in a governmental establishment which is covered will not be required to have statements of availability, but will be subject to priority referral.

"5. Workers leaving governmental employment covered by the program and seeking employment in a governmental establishment not covered will not be required to have a statement of availability, nor will they be subject to priority referral.

Fall Pig Crop 33 Per Cent Under 1943 in Maryland

College Park, Md., Dec. 31 (U.P.). Maryland's 1944 fall pig crop was estimated at 176,000 compared with 262,000 pigs saved during the fall of 1943, a decrease of 33 per cent from the all-time high of last fall, a report from the bureau of agricultural economics of the University of Maryland showed today.

The total number of pigs saved in 1944 was estimated at 390,000, 20 per cent less than in 1943. Reports from Maryland farmers indicated that the number of sows to farrow in the spring of 1945 will be about 24,000, a decrease of 28 per cent from last year's total.

Negro College Made Baptist Objective

Harpers Ferry, W. Va., Dec. 31. The executive board of the West Virginia Baptist State Convention had adopted a motion making Storer College for Negroes here one of the educational objectives of the convention, it was announced by college executives here today.

The action, President Richard I. McKinney said, is believed to mark a beginning of a period of increasingly closer cooperation between Negro Baptists of the State and the college here.

Dr. McKinney spoke at the convention meeting held at Beckley where the action was taken.

Died

ANDREWS, WINSTON, JR. On Saturday, December 30, 1944, at 620 6th st. sw., WINSTON ANDREWS Jr., beloved son of Winston and Alberta Andrews. Services at his late residence, 620 6th st. sw., on Tuesday, January 2, at 2 p. m. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

BOSWELL, HERBERT V. On Friday, December 29, 1944, at Garfield Hospital, HERBERT V. BOSWELL, father of Barbara J. Boswell, beloved son of James A. Boswell, brother of Mrs. Thomas Dale Holmes, Mrs. Jerome J. Bernhart, Mrs. Beatrice Holts and Charles V. Boswell. Funeral from Collins funeral home, 2331 14th st. nw., on Tuesday, January 2, 1945, at 9:30 a. m. Requiem mass at St. Gabriel's Church at 9 a. m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Mount Olivet Cemetery.

BOYD, SAMUEL M. On Saturday, December 30, 1944, at Georgetown Hospital, SAMUEL M. BOYD, of 119 Grafton st., Chevy Chase, Md., beloved husband of Ruth C. Boyd and father of Beverly, Roger and Michael Boyd. Funeral from the above residence on Tuesday, January 2, at 9:30 a. m. Requiem mass at the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at 10 a. m. Full military services at Arlington National Cemetery at 11:30 a. m.

BROWN, SAMUEL A. Suddenly, on Thursday, December 28, 1944, SAMUEL A. BROWN of 717 Gallatin st. nw., beloved husband of Mamie C. Brown (nee Utterback) and father of Walter S. Brown. Funeral from the W. W. Deal funeral home, 4812 Georgia ave. nw., on Monday, January 1, 1945, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

BURKE, JAMES T. On Saturday, December 30, 1944, at Sibley Hospital, JAMES T. BURKE, late residence, 18 10th st. se., beloved son of the late Laura M. and Walter L. Burke, formerly of Baltimore, Md., brother of Walter L. Burke. Funeral from the residence of his uncle, Wilbur S. Barton, 4103 54th st., Decatur Heights, Md., on Tuesday, January 2, at 2:30 p. m. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery. Services by Chambers.

DOYLE, NANA M. On Saturday, December 30, 1944, at her residence, 4008 8th st. ne., NANA M. DOYLE, beloved wife of Robert E. Doyle, sr., and mother of Mrs. John McInerney and Capt. Robert E. Doyle, jr., and sister of Scott Stilson, sr. Services at the S. H. Hines Co. funeral home, 2901 14th st. nw., on Tuesday, January 2, at 8:30 a. m., thence to St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 12th and Monroe sts. ne., where mass will be offered at 9 a. m. Interment Glenwood Cemetery.

DUTTON, EDWIN C. On Friday, December 29, 1944, at his residence, 7 Hesketh st., Chevy Chase, Md., EDWIN C. DUTTON, beloved husband of Sallie Dutton and father of Mrs. Grace Bauersfeld and Harmon Nicodemus. Services at the S. H. Hines Co. funeral home, 2901 14th st. nw., on Monday, January 1, 1945, at 1 p. m. Interment Arlington National Cemetery.

FENSTERMACHER, MYRTLE A. On Friday, December 29, 1944, at her residence, 3601 Connecticut ave. nw., MYRTLE A. FENSTERMACHER, beloved wife of W. L. Fenstermacher and mother of Staff Sergt. Sidney W. Williston. Services at the S. H. Hines Co. funeral home, 2901 14th st. nw., on Monday, January 1, 1945, at 9 p. m. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

FLANIGAN, BRIDGET A. On Saturday, December 30, 1944, at Georgetown University Hospital, BRIDGET A. FLANIGAN, of 2650 Woodley pl. nw., beloved wife of the late Michael A. Flanigan and mother of John J. Flanigan. Remains resting at the Timothy Hanlon funeral home, 3831 Georgia ave. nw. Notice of funeral later.

FOOKES, VIRGIL M. (DICK). On Saturday, December 30, 1944, at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, VIRGIL M. FOOKES (DICK), beloved husband of Neenah Fookes and brother of Wilbur E. Fookes. Services at the S. H. Hines Co. funeral home, 2901 14th st. nw., on Tuesday, January 2, at 10 a. m. Interment Glenwood Cemetery.

KENDRICK, HENRY MARSHALL. On Friday, December 29, 1944, at Homeopathic Hospital, HENRY MARSHALL KENDRICK, beloved husband of the late Mazie Skinner Kendrick and father of Mrs. Sanford H. Brown, 1111 Woodside pky., Silver Spring, Md. Mr. Kendrick rests at the Warner E. Pumphrey funeral home, 8434 Georgia ave., Silver Spring, Md., where services will be held on Monday, January 1, 1945, at 1 p. m. Interment Middleburg Cemetery, Middleburg, Va.

MOORE, JOSEPH L. Suddenly, on Saturday, December 30, 1944, JOSEPH L. MOORE, husband of Frances Louise Moore and father of Lois, Wilmer, Betty and Allean Moore. Funeral from the W. W. Deal funeral home, 816 H st. ne., on Tuesday, January 2, 1945, at 1 p. m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

MOORE, WILLIAM JOHN. On Saturday, December 30, 1944, at Mount Alto Hospital, WILLIAM JOHN MOORE, the beloved husband of Rosamond T. Moore, father of Frances A., Shirley K., Mary Ann, and Marvin T. Moore. Remains resting at Chambers Georgetown funeral home, 31st and M sts. nw. Services and interment in Arlington National Cemetery on Monday, January 1, 1945, at 11:00 a. m.

RICKETTS, THOMAS ALVA. On Saturday, December 30, 1944, at his home, Rockville, Md., THOMAS ALVA RICKETTS, beloved husband of Annette Ricketts. Funeral services at the Colesial funeral home of Warner E. Pumphrey, Rockville, Md., on Monday, January 1, 1945, at 2:30 p. m. Interment Rockville Union Cemetery.

WILKINSON, BEN G., JR. On Saturday, December 30, 1944, BEN G. WILKINSON, JR., beloved son of the Rev. Benjamin G. Wilkinson of 7120 Piney Branch rd. nw. Mr. Wilkinson rests at the Warner E. Pumphrey funeral home, 8434 Georgia ave., Silver Spring, Md. Services at the Sligo Seventh Day Adventist Church, corner Flower and Carroll aves., Takoma Park, Md., on Monday, January 1, 1945. Interment George Washington Memorial Cemetery.

WOOD, HELEN C. On Thursday, December 28, 1944, HELEN C. WOOD, of 737 26th st. So., Arlington, Va., wife of Joseph H. Wood. Services at the S. H. Hines funeral home, 2901 14th st. nw., on Tuesday, January 2, at 1 p. m. Interment private.

Randolph Letter Reflects Financial Exigencies of 1816

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 31 (AP).—Financial exigencies common to many Virginia gentlemen of 1816 are dealt with in a letter written that year by John Randolph of Roanoke.

Randolph-Macon Woman's College recently purchased the letter from the rare book fund, and it has been added to the Randolph items already owned by the college. The items are kept, along with items relating to Nathaniel Macon of North Carolina, whose name the college also bears, in the rare book room in the library.

Addressed to Harry Hill, Esq., Manchester, Va., the letter reads:

"Dear Sir:

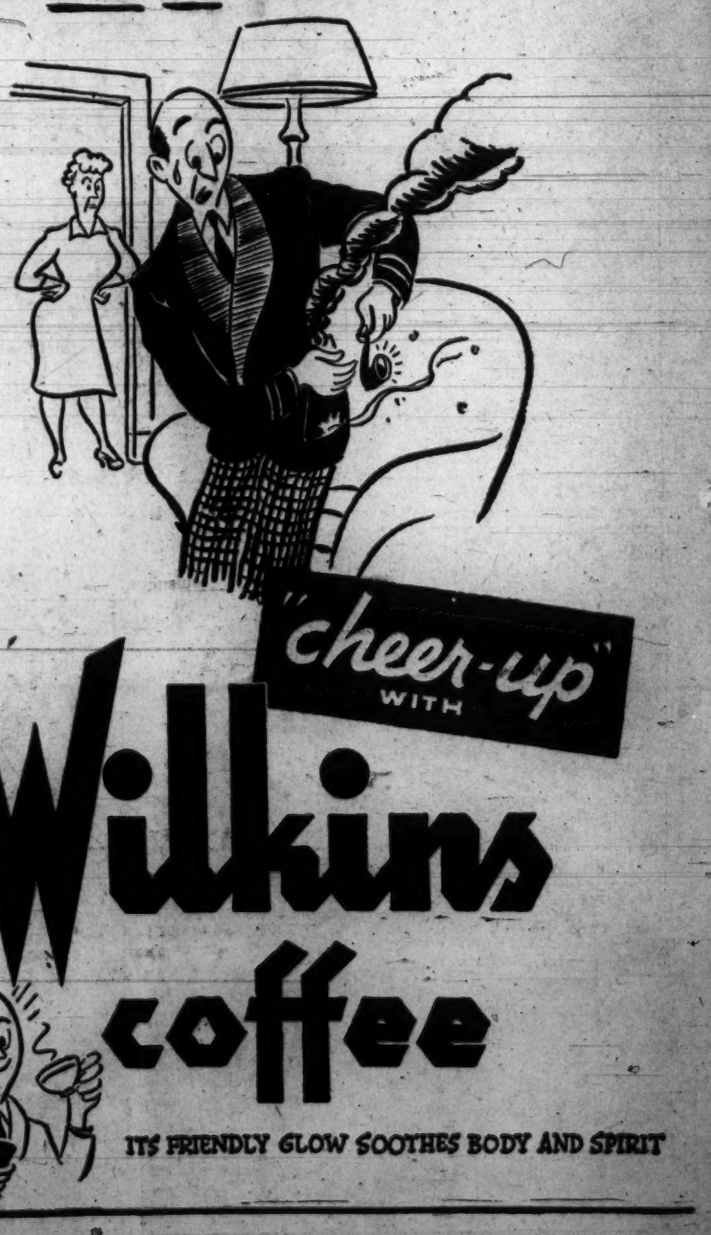
"A heavy purchase prevented my withdrawing my note from the B of V as should have been glad to do on my own account alone and much more so to let you in to the benefit of the discount.

"Whilst taxing for the benefit of manufacturers our staunch Republicans seem willing that Liverpool coal should rival ours because it is Virginian.

"Take for me the enclosed bond —(deleted). Mr. M. wrote me he would pay the amount when able some years ago—and he told me so last month when he was in Richmond, but I presume he has not been able. Within that period I have paid him several bills at his tavern. Accept my thanks for your hospitality to St. George. I hope he has not been troublesome to you. Best respects to Mr. H. and family.

"Yrs.

"Jr. of Roanoke."

BARNABY — By Crockett Johnson

When it seems that your pipe was lit after all . . .